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Dear Friend of the Iowa City Free Medical and Dental Clinic:

“I am so thankful for everyone who helps the Clinic run. I know a lot of them are volunteers, and they help so many people. I worry so much about my bills. I am so glad I have medical care that I don’t have to find the money for. I don’t know where I would be without this place.”

The words above were spoken by “Julie,” one of our clients at the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic. An Iowa City resident in her early 40s, Julie suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes. She works two jobs, neither of which offers health insurance, and she can’t afford health insurance on her own—especially with chronic conditions such as hers. Her school-age daughter is able to get medical coverage through Hawk-I, but for Julie the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic is her only lifeline.

What would Julie do if the Free Medical Clinic weren’t there?

“I just don’t know. I hope I don’t have to figure that out. I probably would get very sick.”

Julie’s story is a common one here in our Iowa City/Coralville/Johnson County community. Most of our clients are among the “working poor”—employed, able and eager to work hard, but just scraping by. They are one sickness or injury—or, like Julie, a chronic illness—away from going completely under, unable to feed their families or pay their rent. We served almost 2,500 individuals in our clinics last year alone—and could serve more if we had the capacity.

Thankfully, you and many others in our community generously support the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic. In fact, about one-third of our revenues come from private donations. You are *our* lifeline!

We are writing today to ask you to include the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic and Dick Parrott Free Dental Clinic in your holiday and year-end charitable giving.

Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$1,000, or more will help us continue to offer:

- ✓ General medical care
- ✓ Chronic medical care
- ✓ Dental services
- ✓ Eye-care services
- ✓ In-house dispensary services
- ✓ Prescription services
- ✓ Laboratory services



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For 40 years the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic has been offering free medical care to our friends and neighbors in need . We wish we weren't needed and could fold up shop, secure in the knowledge that everyone who needs care is receiving it—but unfortunately, it looks like we'll be around for quite some time.

Please remember our clients in this season of giving and make your tax-deductible donation to the Iowa City Free Medical and Dental Clinic by year's end.

Your gift will go right to work helping community members like Julie receive the top-quality medical and dental attention they need so they can get to work the next day, take care of their families, and live without the constant fear of becoming ill and going broke.

With sincere thanks for your compassionate support,



Sandy Pickup, Director of Finances

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P.S. If you would like to learn more about the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic and Dick Parrott Free Dental Clinic, please visit our new web site at freemedicalclinic.org. We make it easy to give online through PayPal, and there is lots of great information about our services.