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Dear Friend,

Because of your support, the Iowa City Free Clinic is in its 44th year of providing healthcare services for the uninsured and underinsured in our community. Thousands of people - including your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers and people you see every day - have received medical and dental care that they couldn't afford elsewhere. ***Thank you for making the Clinic's work possible.***

More people than ever have affordable healthcare, but many in our community still lack coverage. Some can't find an affordable insurance option, others don't qualify for an ACA plan or have insurance that doesn't include dental care, eye exams and other health needs. Every day, Free Clinic staff and volunteers provide comprehensive treatment for these individuals.

Here's just one story:

Last week, a woman and her husband came into the Clinic. She was 2 months pregnant and diabetic. Untreated diabetes is always serious; during pregnancy, it can be life threatening for both mother and baby. Her husband had insurance coverage for himself through his job, but she had been unable to find an affordable plan. They were managing to pay out-of-pocket for her prenatal care but had just learned that the cost of the medications to control her diabetes was \$400 a month. They came to the Free Clinic because they had nowhere else to turn.

First, Clinic staff provided the woman with the insulin she needed. Then they helped her apply for medication assistance through pharmaceutical company programs, and talked with her about limited Medicaid coverage for prenatal care. As she and her husband left the Clinic, they thanked us – the relief in their voices and the gratitude on their faces was immeasurable. ***Your partnership made this happen.***

This holiday season, please help sustain our mission with a gift to the Iowa City Free Medical and Dental Clinic. I guarantee that your generosity will make a tremendous difference in the lives of many people who come through our doors. Please send your contribution in the enclosed envelope or donate online through our website, freemedicalclinic.org.

Thank you for your commitment to the Clinic's work and to our community's health.

With sincere gratitude,

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