



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Open Door Clinic celebrates five years of helping those in need

CHIPPEWA FALLS – There's reason to celebrate! The Open Door Clinic is hosting an anniversary celebration to mark their fifth year of operation on May 5.

Join current and former volunteers, donors, current and former patients and community members from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at First Presbyterian Church, 130 W. Central St. with a presentation at 5:45 p.m. Light appetizers, coffee and punch will be served. Tours of the clinic will be available.

In its first five years, the Open Door Clinic received 7,279 visits from 1,836 patients. More than 12,528 prescriptions were dispensed, not including samples that were given. Plus, more than 200 people have volunteered, which does not include the many groups of people who provided and served supper. The Open Door Clinic is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church. No appointments are taken. For more information call 715-720-1443.

The Open Door Clinic, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides basic health care services to Chippewa County residents who are without a health care alternative.

Nationally, it is estimated that eight to 10 percent of the American population has no health insurance. In Chippewa County, that equates to 5,600 neighbors without health insurance.

The Open Door Clinic strives to:

- Provide basic health care services to uninsured.
- Provide basic lab testing.
- Provide basic pharmaceutical services.
- Assist patients with prescription program applications.
- Remain aware of and leverage area resources to maximize our impact within the community.
- Provide a challenging, rewarding, and supportive environment for volunteers.

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### Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership

Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership is a collaborative endeavor striving to enhance the quality of life of the residents of Chippewa County, through educational and preventative initiatives promoting wellness and good health. CHIP identifies health needs and establishes priorities from which collaborative activities are created to help improve the health status and quality of life in our community.

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St. Joseph’s Hospital, an affiliate of Hospital Sisters Health System, has served the people of the Chippewa Falls area since 1885 with health care that is high tech and, more importantly, high touch. Known locally for the quality of the care it provides patients, the hospital has been recognized nationally for its outstanding patient satisfaction levels. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, headquartered in Springfield, Ill., it is an affiliate of Hospital Sisters Health System, one of the nation’s largest Catholic health care systems. To learn more about St. Joseph’s Hospital, visit [www.stjoeschipfalls.com](http://www.stjoeschipfalls.com).

**About Hospital Sisters Health System**

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