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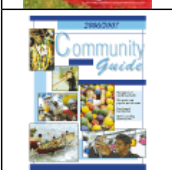


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Grant enhances diabetes care at Parker clinic

Center receives one of only 10 AMA grants awarded nationwide

RED BANK - The Parker Family Health Center has received a \$25,000 grant for a project that will enhance the clinic's existing diabetes management program.

At present, the Parker Center is caring for more than 100 diabetic patients in a coordinated disease management program that provides comprehensive clinical care and patient education.

"Diabetes is a significant problem for our patients," said Dr. Eugene Cheslock, Parker Center president. "This funding will have a real impact on their lives and health."

The grant was awarded by the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation's Healthy Communities/Healthy America program. Launched this year, the new program provides grants to outstanding free clinics across the country.

The Parker Center, 211 Shrewsbury Ave., 211 Shrewsbury Ave. in Red Bank, was one of only 10 organizations that received funding in an effort to address the growing problem of the uninsured and to recognize physician and community volunteerism.

"We are pleased to honor the Parker Family Health Center and their dedication to improving the health of those who are most in need," said AMA Foundation President Dr. Peter Carmel. "The AMA Foundation is committed to recognizing the extraordinary physicians and volunteers who have taken it upon themselves to provide critical health care services."

Established in 2000, the Parker Family Health Center provides free primary health care to low-income, uninsured Monmouth County residents. Located on Red Bank's west side, the clinic is open six days a week, including Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday morning.

A children's health clinic offering immunizations and well-child care takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Other specialized services include children's oral health care, vision screening, women's health, cancer screening through NJCEED (New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection), and a prescription drug program that ensures access to affordable medication.

The clinic saw close to 10,000 patients in 2006, with over 40,000 cumulative patient visits since the founding. Forty percent of patients are from Red Bank, with the rest from all parts of Monmouth County. Health care is provided by a network of volunteers, including physicians, nurses, dentists and other health care professionals, who donate 10,000 hours of service annually at the clinic.

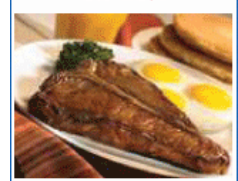
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