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## **Rhode Island Free Clinic Announces New Officers and Welcomes New Board Members for 2023**

PROVIDENCE, RI (January 3, 2023) – Rhode Island Free Clinic, the Ocean State’s oldest and largest volunteer medical corp health care organization today announced the following changes to its Board of Directors:

Combined for over four decades of extraordinary leadership and commitment to the Clinic and its medically uninsured Rhode Island adults, Andrew W. Davis, Esq., Mark K. W. Gim, and Whitney Clarke are stepping down from the Board of Directors of Rhode Island Free Clinic, effective December 31, 2022. Andrew prepared and filed the original documents with the State of Rhode Island to create Rhode Island Free Clinic and has served on the Board in various capacities since the Clinic’s inception in 1998. He will remain on the Board of the newly formed Hindle Building Condominium Association, where the Clinic resides. “The Clinic is indebted to Andrew for his decades of voluntary service and leadership,” says incoming Board President, Carrie Bridges Feliz. For nearly 15 years, Mark K. W. Gim, honorably served on the Board, having joined in 2008. Mark served on all committees and was appointed to two (2) terms as Board President. “In all of my experiences working with Mark, his commitment to the Clinic’s mission and investment of time to assure our success was second to none” says outgoing Board President, William Fitzgerald. Whitney Clarke joined the Board in 2016, and most recently actively served on the CEO Search Committee. “We thank Whitney, Mark and Andrew for prioritizing the Clinic’s mission over the many years. Their contributions will be missed!” noted Clinic CEO, Dr. Forrest Daniels.

Joining the Board of Directors are business and community leaders/volunteers, Samuel Bradner and Patrick Martin. Sam is a managing partner at with Peregrine Group LLC and Peregrine Real Estate Advisory LLC. Headquartered in Rumford, Rhode Island, with offices also located in

Newport, Rhode Island and Boston, Massachusetts. Patrick, a Certified Public Accountant, is Partner, Director Nonprofit Services Group, with KLR.

New Board Officers are: Carrie Bridges Feliz, President; Michele Lederberg, Esq; Vice President; Patrick Martin, CPA, Treasurer; Jeffrey Chase-Lubitz, Secretary; and William Fitzgerald, President Emeritus.

### **About Rhode Island Free Clinic**

Founded in 1998, the Rhode Island Free Clinic provides a comprehensive Medical Home to uninsured, low-income Rhode Island adults, and serves as an educational training site for aspiring health care professionals through partnerships with Rhode Island's leading Academic Partners. Care includes primary care, dental, behavioral health, specialty care, physical and occupational therapy, wellness education, and medicine -- all free to vulnerable Rhode Islanders. On the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2022 the Clinic served over 9,000 vulnerable RI adults, to keep our community safe and well. Learn more by visiting [www.riFreeClinic.org](http://www.riFreeClinic.org).

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