

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CEO & BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Rhode Island Free Clinic,



Mike Delmonico, BSN, MBA
Interim CEO, RIFC

In 1998, our co-founders were motivated to open the Rhode Island Free Clinic in response to the volume of patients visiting local emergency departments for care that could have been provided in a primary care setting or avoided altogether. Twenty-five years later, the Free Clinic continues to play a critical role in the Ocean State by delivering high-quality, free healthcare to our vulnerable neighbors through our model of volunteerism - fellow Rhode Islanders giving of their most precious asset... time! These are doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners, physician and medical assistants, social workers, dental professionals, as well as students from local colleges and universities who are committed to helping all Rhode Islanders access quality healthcare regardless of their ability to pay.

The Rhode Island Free Clinic continues to provide life-changing comprehensive medical, dental, vision and behavioral healthcare to the state's medically uninsured adults. Said one patient, "I am alive today because of the medical services I receive at the clinic." This is just one of the many patient testimonials we receive. Enclosed are highlights of our tremendous impact in 2023, income and expenses, milestones in our 25-year journey, highlights from our fall Founders' Event, and a recognition of donors. Please know that the Board of Directors and staff are grateful to you - our community - for your incredible generosity and steadfast commitment to the Free Clinic's core mission over the past quarter century.



Carrie Bridges, MPH
President, Board of Directors

As we navigate a leadership transition and perform strategic planning to optimize our operating model, RIFC remains excited about our next chapter thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, donors, partners, and, you, our community champions. Together, we will shepherd the Rhode Island Free Clinic into another 25 years of serving fellow Rhode Islanders. As always, we thank you for your support!

Be well,



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25 YEARS OF RIFC

1999

Clinic Founder, Stephanie Chafee, opens the Rhode Island Free Clinic with volunteers and community partners one night per week.

Lifespan provides free ancillary and specialty medical services.

2009

Rhode Island Foundation awards multi-year grant; begins strategic investments and long-term partnership to strengthen the Clinic.

Physicians Network launched to mobilize volunteer doctors to see patients in their offices throughout RI.

1998

Rhode Island Free Clinic becomes a legal entity.

2008

Strategic initiatives begin to build Clinic capacity and expand "medical home" services to address urgent needs in the community.

2010

The American Way to Change: How National Service and Volunteers are Transforming America honors the Clinic as one of the nation's top 25 "volunteer models with promise."

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island helps the Clinic expand the Physicians Network.

2011

Brown University's Alpert Medical School launches student-run clinic.

1st Annual Founders' Event honors **Dr. Charles Carpenter** with the 2011 Founders' Award.

2013

New England Patriots Charitable Foundation recognizes Clinic volunteer Medical Director, Dr. Caroline Troise, with **Myra H. Kraft MVP Award** for over a decade of volunteer service.

2014

Open Enrollment for new patients is launched; monthly lottery is suspended after more than a decade.

2018

Delta Dental of Rhode Island awards 5 year grant to open Clinic Dental Program.

Patients gain access to Dental Care in new Dental Suite including exams, cleaning, and simple extractions.

2019

National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics recognizes the Clinic as a "Gold Level" Organization and recognizes the Clinic as among "premier free clinics in the nation."

2020

COVID-19 significantly impacts operations. Clinic secures emergency funding to launch Telehealth and open COVID Test Site for the uninsured.

2023

25 Year Celebration of the Rhode Island Free Clinic.

2024 & Beyond

Continue to provide vital care for at-risk adults throughout Rhode Island.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



8,474
Patient Visits & Encounters



1,877
People Served



522
Volunteers



25,736
Volunteer Hours



5,003
Training Hours



206
Telehealth Visits



1,761
Dental Visits



8,218
Prescription Medications



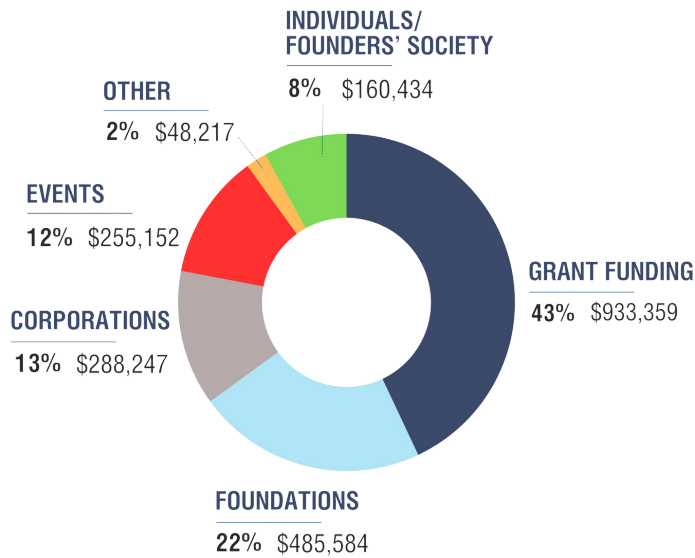
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Behavioral Health Visits



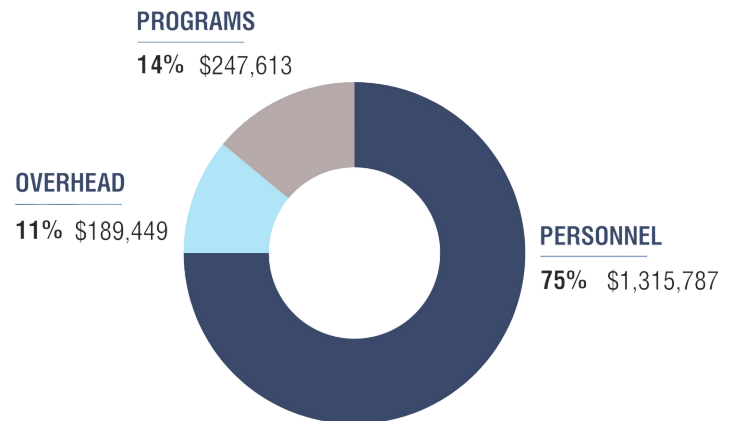
632
Physical Therapy Visits

2023 FINANCIALS

REVENUE - \$2,170,993



EXPENSES - \$1,752,849



2023 DR. STEVEN BRIN PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

On October 19, 2023, the Rhode Island Free Clinic community came together to celebrate the 25th Anniversary Founders' Event. In addition to commemorating 25 years of community service, we also had the pleasure of honoring **Mary McCabe, DDS, MBA, FACD** with the **2023 Dr. Steven Brin Physician of the Year Award**. Dr. McCabe's exceptional care for patients, which embodies and promotes the spirit of excellence of the late Dr. Steven Brin, continues to serve those in need of comprehensive dental care.

Since opening the dental clinic in 2018, Dr. McCabe has remained steadfast in her commitment to making dental healthcare accessible to those in need as well as educating patients about the importance of oral health a key indicator of overall health, well-being, and quality of life.



PATIENT VOICES



A 48-year-old patient came to the Clinic for an initial exam. She had never been to a dentist. After receiving periodontal treatment and restorations, she stated that she had been praying for such an opportunity for many years!

A 72-year-old patient with advanced periodontal disease received specialized treatment including graft surgery. Our volunteer periodontist provided comprehensive care to stabilize her condition. On her follow-up visit, she told us ***"I can finally sing in church again without being embarrassed by my loose teeth."***

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