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- BFC provides **FREE** general medical and **FREE** non-narcotic medication for those without health insurance and who cannot afford it.
- The Dental Wellness Center, a project of Biddeford Free Clinic, serves the dental needs of BFC patients **ONLY**.
- BFC promotes wellness and increased awareness of the effects of smoking, diet, exercise, diabetes, etc,
- BFC CANNOT provide services to those who have medical insurance of any type, i.e., Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, etc.
- BFC referral to specialists and/or complex testing or procedures may require a fee.
- BFC visits and all medical records are confidential.
- BFC gratefully appreciates voluntary donations to the Clinic.

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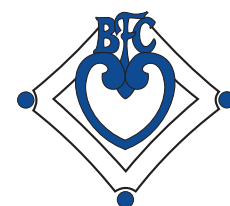


Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

– Gail Devers



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Annual Report 2014-2015

Message from the President

“When I have told people that the Biddeford Free Clinic is closing after twenty-two years, I often get a blank look or a look of sadness as if they don’t know how to respond. Is it a good thing or not? Is it grounds for rejoicing or sadness? To me the closing of the Clinic is a good thing. It means that most of our patients now have health insurance and that the few who don’t can get free care within the medical community. It means that we have fulfilled our mission and are no longer needed. It means that the United States is gradually catching up with most other “developed” countries and coming to the realization that health care should be a right for every individual. All of these are good things and reason to rejoice.

Yes, the Clinic’s closing will have a profound effect on me. It has been an important part of my life for a very long time, but in many ways I must move on and adjust to change. I will miss working with our volunteers who have been the force that made the Clinic function. I will miss seeing the doctors, medical students, pharmacists, lab and pharmacy techs, coordinators, and secretaries. I will definitely miss trying to help our patients. I will miss trying to solve the day to day problems with Joan, Mel, and until not long ago, Jo-Anne. I will miss arguing with Joan as to whether we have too much or too little money. Because of our very, very generous supporters, we have never had to worry about money; and that has relieved us of a major burden. I will miss working with the Clinic’s Board of Directors who have guided me and the organization and have consistently made wise decisions.

It is then not surprising that people, including me, view the Clinic’s closing as a mixed blessing. We have been fortunate in helping a lot of people these many years, and we have had a good time doing it. We wish our patients, our volunteers, and our contributors good health and much happiness in the years to come.

Francis J. Kleeman, M.D.
President



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Thank You!

The Mission Continues..... Urgent Medication Fund

It is the intent of the Biddeford Free Clinic to transfer its remaining funds after payment of all its expenses to Southern Maine Health Care for the purpose of initiating an Urgent Medication Program for people of York County who do not have sufficient funds to pay for needed medications. This plan has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Clinic.

The Urgent Medication Fund will gladly accept donations. Contributions to the fund, now and in the future, should be made to:

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Financial Report

Finances from January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2015

Income		Expenses	
Town Appropriations	\$ 6,825	Independent Contractors	\$ 32,804
Contributions	60,798	Miscellaneous	318
Grants/Foundations	43,000	Depreciation	3,014
United Way	31,112	Office Equipment & Computer Maintenance	8,500
Interest/Dividends	8,332	Insurance/Licenses	6,442
TOTAL	\$150,067	Medications & Lab Costs	53,080

*The City of Biddeford provides space and utilities
for the Biddeford Free Clinic.*

Service Area Totals			Number of Visits		
	Number of Medical Patients	Percent			
Biddeford	103	40.9	Total Office/Medical Visits		405
Kennebunk	16	6.3	Total Pharmacy Visits		605
Kennebunkport, Arundel	20	7.9	(1,750 prescriptions filled)		
Alfred, Lyman	8	3.2	Total Lab Visits		112
Old Orchard Beach	20	7.9	Total Hypertension Visits		6
Saco	44	17.5	Total Nutrition Visits		66
Sanford	5	2.0	EKG		1
Lebanon, Waterboro	4	1.6	Flu Shots		16
Hollis, Buxton	3	1.2	Pulmonary Support		4
Wells	8	3.2	TOTAL CLINIC VISITS		1215
Portland, Scarborough	7	2.8	Value of Service		
Raymond	1	0.3		2014-2015	1993-2015
York	1	0.3	Office/Medical	\$ 53,195	\$ 1,974,912
N. Berwick, Eliot, Ogunquit	7	2.8	Pharmacy	122,500	3,742,795
Other	5	2.0	Laboratory	19,095	306,979
TOTALS	252	100	OMT	-0-	37,764

Dental Wellness Center		
Patient Visits		28
Value of Service	\$7,269	

Patients Assistance Program
*Biddeford Free Clinic distributed \$9,000.00 worth of
medication through the Patients Assistance Program.*

Referrals
In the past year, we made **42 referrals** to over 19 different specialties:
*dentistry, cardiology, general surgery, gastroenterology, urology,
nephrology, otolaryngology, opthamology, neurology, rheumatology,
psychiatry, pulmonary medicine, podiatry, endocrinology, dermatology,
pain management, wound clinic, plastic surgery & physical therapy. –
Thank you to our partners in health!*

Supplies & Value of Laboratory Services		
Products Distributed to Patients	\$ 2,959	
Costs of Testing and Products		16,136
TOTAL	\$ 208,996	\$6,670,238

Dental Wellness

I have been truly blessed...particularly over the past 22 years. In that time I have had the immense pleasure of meeting and working with some of the nicest, most caring people in the world. It all began when Dr. Kleeman posed a challenge to the York County Dental Society to establish a free dental clinic in the area to mimic the newly founded Biddeford Free Clinic and serve its patients. What an honor to have been allowed to work with this man, an unending powerhouse of energy who dwarfs the Energizer Bunny. I was graced with Joan Gordon’s acquaintance very soon afterward. The two of them are sometimes a bit like a comedy act on the outside (funny man/straight man), but the seriousness of their business is unrivaled. The BFC is their creation, born from an undying mission to truly benefit the patients they treat. I would be remiss if I did not mention all the people of the BFC that I have met through the years that have so enriched my life: JoAnne, Mel, all the Board members that have come and gone, all the volunteers of the BFC and the two dental clinics that were established over the years. The inspiration, guidance and support that each of them has given to me during this time has been invaluable not only to my public health service but also in my professional and private life as well. I owe all of the public health knowledge that I have gained to them and one other group... the patients.

So many patients have touched me in countless ways. There’s the lady who was angry that she was kept waiting for 40 minutes until she learned that we were all volunteers. With tears streaming down her face all she managed to say was, “Bless you all.” Then there was the lady who asked me rather sternly if I knew what I was doing there. When I responded hesitantly that I thought I did, she thrust a finger into my chest and said, “You folks are changing lives.” Indeed we did. There’s the gentleman who became employed with insurance because he now had front teeth. He no longer qualified for BFC care. It was bittersweet for all that he could no longer be seen, but a success nevertheless. Then there is the lady who got dentures for her 30th high school reunion and told us her grown children had never seen her with teeth. Another success. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention all the folks who no longer had pain or infection in their mouths and the others that were given the gift of dental hygiene education. Each of them has enriched my life in ways they will never know.

It has been a most wonderful, educational, and quick 22 years. And so to all those I have mentioned above, and the financial donors and support people, all those I might have missed since there have been so many volunteers, and my incredibly supportive, dedicated, and insightful wife Judy, I extend a most sincere and heartfelt thank you for allowing me to experience the joy of public health service. My life would not be the same without you.

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Message from the Executive Director



It is bittersweet as we prepare for the permanent closing of the Biddeford Free Clinic. The Clinic has been my home away from home for twenty-two years. It all began when I retired and came to live in beautiful Maine. Having experienced a hectic life style in an urban city, the tranquility of rural Maine did not really hit me until we had lived here full time for about a year. But I was “saved” by an editorial in the Journal Tribune. It reported that a local physician, Francis J. Kleeman, MD, Chief of Urology at Southern Maine Medical Center, was about to embark on an exciting free care experiment, the establishment of a free medical clinic. The Biddeford Free Clinic would provide free and accessible general medical care and non-narcotic prescription medication for those without health insurance. I attended the opening ceremony of the Clinic in the gym at the J. Richard Martin Community Center in Biddeford in June 1993 just to take a “look and see.” The rest of the story is evident by my attachment to the Clinic for twenty-two years.

When we see our last patients on September 30th, the noble experiment, the Biddeford Free Clinic, will have accomplished its mission. We successfully provided free high quality medical care and non-narcotic prescription medications to uninsured patients living in poverty. Now, more than ¾ of our patients have health insurance. Southern Maine Health Care, Leavitt’s Mill Health Center in Buxton and Nasson Health Center (FQHC) in Springvale will continue to accept patients without health insurance.

We have been fortunate to have had the wonderful services of dedicated and committed volunteers who have provided quality care and effective treatment. Our relationship with The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine has been a rewarding experience for us all....patients, volunteers and OMS II for more than 15 years. Our neighboring business, community, town, church and banking partners, as well as United Way of York County, foundations and private donors have responded with generous support and supplied us with the means to meet our goal.

We have been blessed with the talents of many. Jo-Anne Clark, our Assistant Director, supervised the Clinic office and pharmacy with the precision of a drum major....never missing a beat. My dear friend Jo-Anne passed away on May 31st. Mel Cannella, our IT “go to person, “ produced our valuable stats and incidentally, made the printer in the pharmacy work for Dr. Kleeman. Heather Denkmire of grantwinners.net, a superior grant writer, tirelessly labored to share the “good news” of the Clinic. Priscilla Hoy Baker, Hoy Printing, made “magic” of our copy for the BFC Annual Reports, and Lisa Goddard, our invisible volunteer, produced countless medical transcriptions for fifteen years. Joan Oddy, RN, miraculously scheduled physician volunteers and Lorraine Mitchell always found that missing record! Michelle Fecteau, RN, a fantastic organizer, led the OMS II-ACA volunteers, 2014-2015, who contacted more than 395 patients. Their immense task resulted in the huge number of Clinic patients accessing health insurance through the Affordable Care Act with the guidance of Robin Bibber and Celyn Reed, ACA Navigators at York County Community Action.

Dr. Gregory Leach, our BFC Medical Director, unfailingly answered my many email inquiries immediately and Dr. Kleeman was always “here” even from Florida.....God Bless them! The Dental Wellness Center, the dream of Jay Beauchemin, DDS and his wife, Judy, provided exceptional dental care and dentures for many patients. Community Dental, their collaborative partner, made the DWC work. Joy Elsner and Judy Cadorette, wonderful handwriting experts, shared the responsibility of information input to our patient tracking system, MedServices. Deb Hanson, Paraprofessional and Douglas Rogers, CPA, JD, MS at Rogers & Hutchins, P.C. have magnanimously prepared our taxes pro bono for twenty years. Pat Frechette, MT, has expertly trained our Lab OMS II volunteers for 10 years; Robert Gowen, RPH and Denise Doyon, RPH, adeptly have each chaired the responsibility of Chief Pharmacist, along with active volunteer status. We salute the countless SMHC employees who have helped us along the way. Our Board of Directors has wisely guided us as we matured from an acute health care facility into a primary care facility.

The “heart and soul” of the Biddeford Free Clinic is my boss, Frank Kleeman, MD., President of the BFC. Dr. Kleeman is one of those extraordinary individuals who sees and feels for others. He is, in my opinion, a remarkable human being and gifted diagnostician. He shares himself with others, not only as a physician, but as a friend, counselor and advocate. While the Clinic has been an integral part of his life, his wife, Alphine Kleeman, willingly shared her husband with the Clinic. On August 12th our dear friend Alphine passed away. Dr. Kleeman’s children too, Michael, Chris and Julie, have been active at the Clinic over the years.

While we may be proud of our “mission accomplished” status there is profound sadness in our Clinic family. Alphine Kleeman and Jo-Anne Clark will be dearly missed.

I will miss the weekly interactions with the patients...their eagerness to share their life stories, their dreams, successes and even their challenges. I will miss chatting with our fantastic volunteers. But I won’t miss traveling Route 111 on a foggy night! I sincerely hope we have been able to provide good cheer, good will and comfort along with excellent medical care for our patients.

To my fellow volunteers: **It has been a privilege to work with you all.** Thank you for the delivery of extraordinary care to our patients and for your personalized attention to their many needs. Thank you for your patience and faithfulness. You are without a doubt amazing individuals. I sincerely hope you feel positive and proud of our twenty-two years of service to the southern Maine community.

To our wonderful donors: **Your beneficence and caring spirit are testaments to what is important in your life.** Sharing is caring. You helped your neighbors to live better lives...in body, mind and spirit.

To my dear friend, Dr. Francis J. Kleeman: **Thank you for giving me the privilege of working at the Biddeford Free Clinic and for your trust.** As we close the doors of the Biddeford Free Clinic, I want to thank all our patients and wish them good health in the future. May the holidays bring us all Joy and Happiness; may the New Year bring us all lasting Peace.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Joan M. Gordon

Thanks to Our Friends!

Thanks to **P & C, (Paquin and Carroll)** for keeping us insured and for many donations.

Thanks to **Heather Denkmire** for her grant writing skill and keeping the Clinic solvent.

Thanks to the **Biddeford Pool Community Club** who have supported the Clinic year in and year out. You have been amazing!

Thanks to our many **contributors** who have enabled the Clinic to provide health care to our patients for so long.

Thank you each and every one of our **volunteers**. You have devoted countless hours to the Clinic. Words cannot express what you have done for our patients.

And thank you to our **patients**. We have tried to give you the best possible medical care and in return you have over and over expressed your appreciation. That is one of the things that has made it all worthwhile. We truly believe that we are *neighbors helping neighbors*.

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Thank you to the **members of the Clinic’s Board of directors, past and present.** Your thoughtful guidance and participation in the work of the Clinic has been a major factor in its success.

Thanks to the **City of Biddeford** for providing us with rent free space and utilities for 22 years.

Thanks to **Southern Maine Health Care** for the many things you have given the Clinic and our patients over the years including laboratory and imaging, many volunteers, funding during our early years, and a lot of guidance.

Thank you **University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine** for your physicians who worked at the Clinic and your many medical students who have assisted our patients.

Thank you to the **United Way of York County** which has consistently given us funding and sound advice.

Thank you to **Elmina Sewall and her foundation.** She was a great friend and a wonderful supporter of the Clinic. Thanks to the **Agnes P. Lindsay Foundation** that was the first to respond to our call for help.

Thanks to the banks, **Saco and Biddeford Savings, Kennebunk Savings, Biddeford Savings** for your generous support of the Clinic as well as many other non-profits.

I don’t know what to say about the foundations except that the **Sam L. Cohen Foundation** had an excellent Brain that was always kind and helpful to us.

Thank you to many other **foundations, towns, churches and community organizations** that have aided us through the years. You have been concerned neighbors, and we appreciate it

Thank you to **Jay and Judy Beauchemin** for twice starting the Dental Clinic and thanks to the volunteers who have provided dental care.

Thanks to **Doug Rogers and Debbie Hanson** for doing all our accounting and being sure we stayed honest and accurate. And thanks to **Ed Simensky** for our audits.