



HEALTHFINDERS COLLABORATIVE, INC.

To provide quality, accessible, and culturally sensitive health care services at no cost, to low income, uninsured residents of greater Rice County.

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The influence of a beautiful, helpful character is contagious, and may revolutionize a town
—Collier Graham

It's hard to believe that a vision six years ago to provide affordable access to health care has brought us to this point. HealthFinders Collaborative exists today because of the beautiful, helpful character of our early founders. Their influence was contagious. Today, HealthFinders is addressing health-care needs and making a big difference in the lives of those we serve.

Each Tuesday and Thursday, a group of beautiful and helpful volunteers staff our free medical clinic. More than 20 medical providers, 20 nurses, 15 Spanish interpreters, 15 receptionists, 45 student volunteers, and a cadre of specialized professional volunteers (optometrists, orthopaedists, dieticians, dermatologists and more) deliver services to HealthFinders patients. Without this devoted team of volunteers, HealthFinders would not exist as a free medical clinic. More than 500 hours are donated on an annual basis from HealthFinders' volunteers including: clinical staff, board members, fundraising events and student interpreters.

One of our volunteers is Rae Ormsby. During the day, Ormsby serves as Infection Prevention/Education Manager at District One Hospital in Faribault. Once a month, Ormsby volunteers at HealthFinders as a clinic nurse. She also serves as co-chair of the board of directors. In a recent conversation, Ormsby shared with me an encounter she had with a patient and family that made a real impact on her:

A mom brought her son to HealthFinders for a sports physical. Ormsby was the nurse that evening and provided care to the family. [About to leave], the mom hesitated at the door and said, "I was so worried. We usually can pay our way, but my husband has been off work for so many months, and we just couldn't afford a physical. My son wanted to do this so badly. I thought I just had to swallow my pride and come in here. I though we would be treated condescendingly. But everyone here had been just wonderful and treated us with respect like we were paying customers." Just remembering that story brings tears to my eyes and reinforces the value of HealthFinders compassionate care for everyone in need.

I have the privilege of working with dedicated and passionate volunteers that give back to their community and help those in need. It is the volunteers like Rae Ormsby that provide a warm welcoming environment at the HealthFinders clinic. Their dedication to help others shines through and provides hope and compassion to our patients.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for making HealthFinders what it is today!

Angelica E Koch, Director

Clinic Statistics (June 2005—April 2008)	
Patients served	890
Clinic visits	1940
Number of Rx's filled	3400
Present Date Statistics	
Diabetic Program (Max Capacity = 16)	16
Clinic Volunteers	81
Student Volunteers	15

An Evening Under the Stars

On behalf of HealthFinders, thank you for your support during our 2008 annual gala fundraiser.

A special thanks to all gala volunteers and donors for their commitment of a successful event. More than 200 hours were graciously donated on behalf of volunteers. In addition, many thanks to more than 80 organizations and individuals who donated to either our silent auction, dinner, entertainment, decorations or publicity.

All efforts raised more than \$17,000 in support of HealthFinders mission.

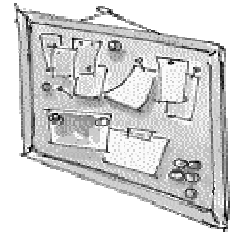
HealthFinders offers the following services with the assistance from local organizations providing in-kind donations and the generosity from individuals and organizations like you who donate to provide financial means to accomplish our mission!

- **Free clinic visits two nights a week—**
Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm—8:30pm
- **Medication Assistance Program—**Individuals without prescription medications insurance receive prescription and over-the-counter medications at no cost through participating pharmacies and HealthFinders.
- **Diabetes Program—**At all times, HealthFinders has a maximum of 16 patients enrolled in this program where they will receive all the necessary tools and education needed to control their blood sugar levels.
- **Pura Vida Program—**This six-month cyclic program provides the tools and education necessary for a maximum of 10 individuals to gain a better understanding and a hands on approach on actively engaging in a healthier lifestyle.
- **Referral Services—**In efforts to not duplicate services, HealthFinders takes the extra steps needed to refer and advocate on behalf of patients with existing services available in Rice County. This is in efforts to insure HealthFinders constituents are aware and access the necessary service needed for ongoing and consistent care.

All these programs are possible because of our dedicated clinical and non-clinical staff volunteers. If you are interested in giving a few hours of your time on a monthly or quarterly basis, please call or email Angie Koch at 507-330-4031 or koch.angelica@healthfindersmn.org

HealthFinders' Want Ads

- Clinic Volunteers
 - Medical Providers
 - Nurses
 - Receptionists
 - Spanish Interpreters



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