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Ms. Pauline Abernathy
Old Executive Office Building
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Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center and Dr. John Bartkowski, the Center's chief executive officer. As I stated during my telephone conversation with Ms. Katy Button on April 3, the Center is very interested in helping to create awareness of the First Lady's "Prescription for Reading" program. In fact, the Center proposes to work with you and your staff to develop a media event to kick off the program, including a visit by the First Lady to the Center.

The concept of the program was initially presented to Dr. Bartkowski and other health care leaders during a White House briefing on March 24, 1997. As part of the First Lady's initiative, children's books would be delivered to a select number of community-based health centers nationwide and distributed to patients at no cost. This effort focuses on educating children and families who are in need of support, and parallels the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center's mission to help create a better quality of life for the young in a neighborhood that battles the effects of poverty on a daily basis.

That is why holding an event at the Center to introduce the program is a viable option. For instance, in 1996, the Center recorded more than 84,000 patient visits, of which nearly half were under the age of 12. In addition, the Center is located in Milwaukee, the heart of the country's Midwest, and has been providing health care services to a cultural diverse population for more than 25 years. The Center's emphasis on the welfare of children and community outreach has positioned itself as an innovative and national leader in the health care industry.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the Center's 1995 Annual Report and recent media coverage featuring the Center's innovative lead screening program and child safety project. I will follow up with you next week to discuss your interest in working with the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center to develop the "Prescription for Reading" program. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call me at (414) 390-5500.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Wellner

cc: Dr. John Bartkowski
Katy Button

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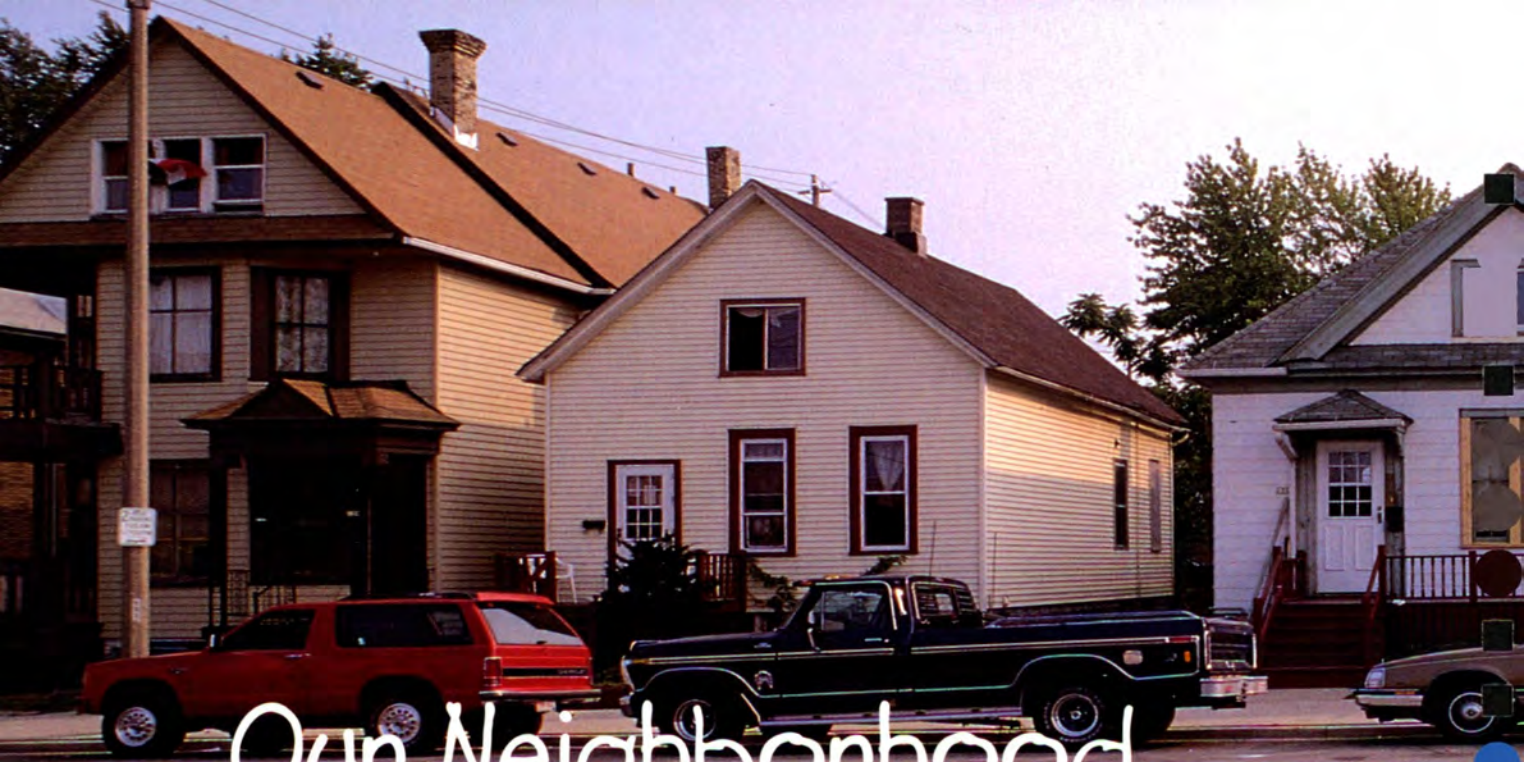
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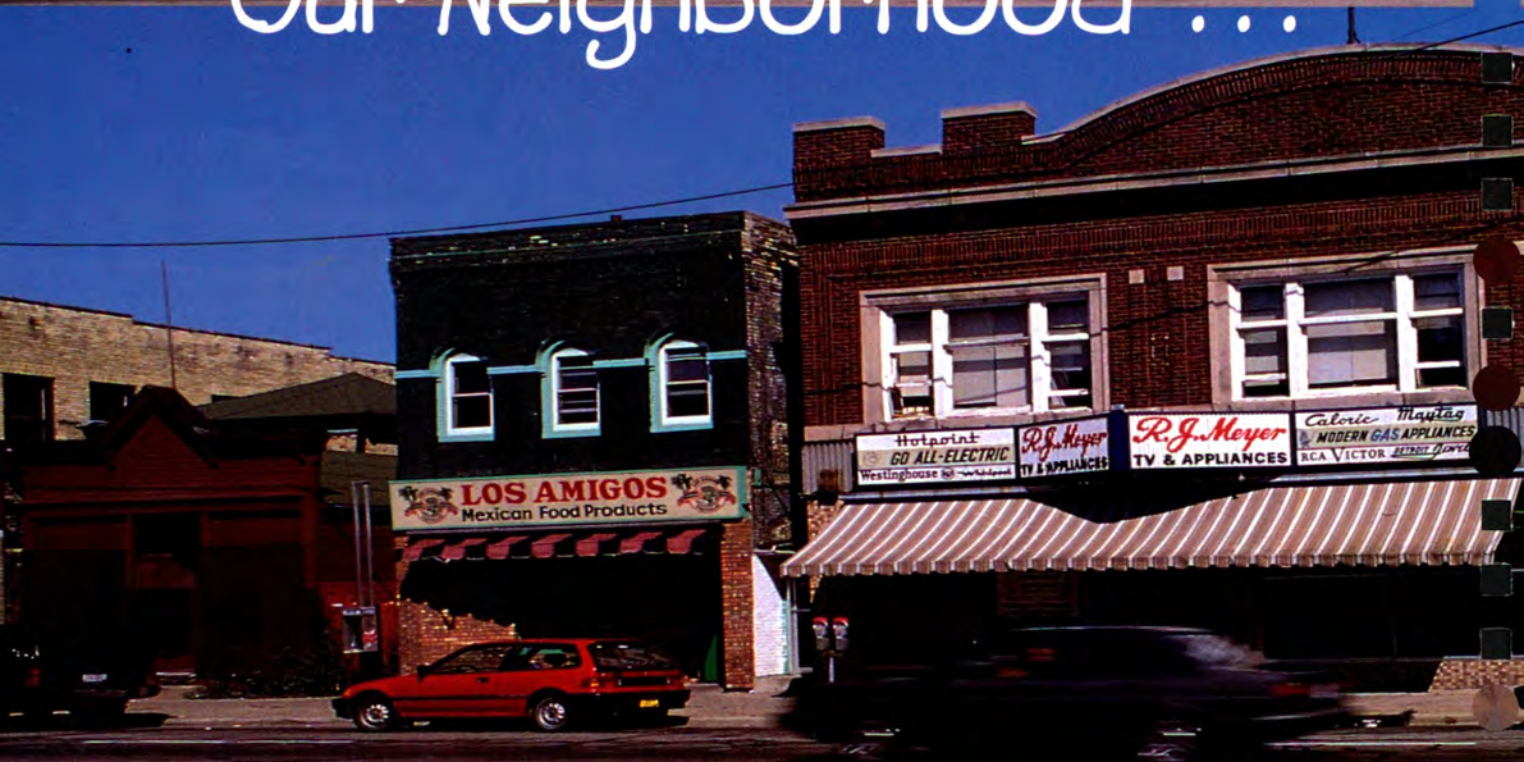


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Sixteenth Street Community Health Center



Dear Friends

Sixteenth Street Community Health Center celebrated its 26th year of helping and healing in 1995. Highlights during this past year focused on development of innovative programs that help women, men, and children overcome their health problems and live healthier lives.

With our commitment to prevention, intervention and outreach, the Center continued to expand its comprehensive array of health care programs. There were more than 72,000 visits to the Center in 1995. Newborns, expectant moms, single parents, young adults, and older adults were among those who relied on us for health and social services.

We understand that this is a time of shrinking government funding. Private foundations are facing an increasing number of requests for resources. Anticipated changes in government funded social programs, such as W2, are likely to increase the number of people who come to Sixteenth Street Community Health Center for help.

Our response to this "new reality" is to establish unique development activities that extend awareness of the Center and its programs while also helping to expand our base of friends and supporters. Special events including "An Evening in Spain" and "The Roast of Senator Herb Kohl" are two examples of activities that raised more than



\$85,000 for the center. Our staff is working to build long-term relationships with the public and private sectors. We believe that these relationships are critical towards our ability to meet the need of providing quality community-based health care for growing numbers of people in our community.

I am most appreciative of the many volunteers, agencies, businesses, foundations, and government leaders who have provided our staff with the resources to reach out and help individuals and families in the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center neighborhood. Your contributions and partnerships enable us to say that access to quality primary health care services is better today than it was 26 years ago.

Thank you!



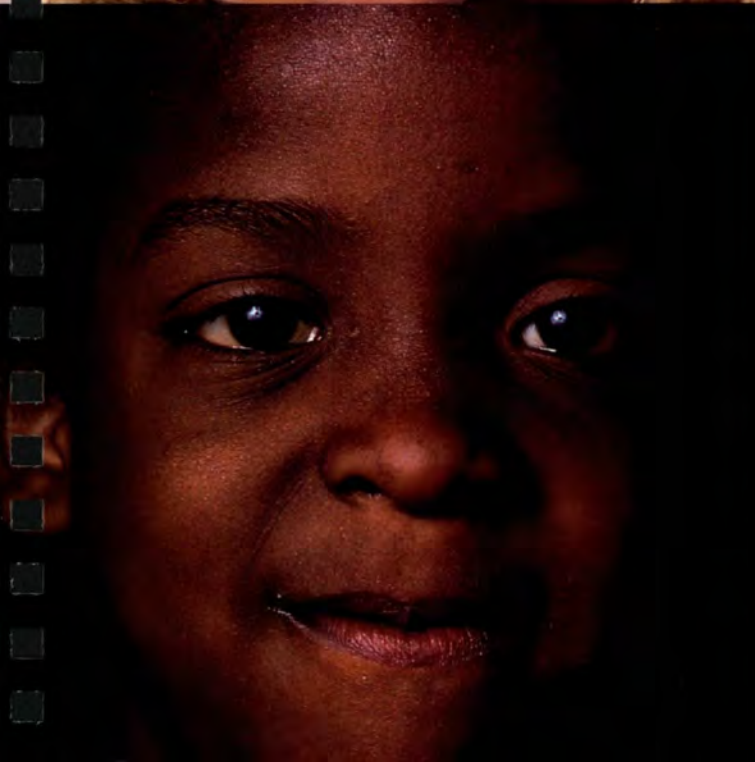
John Bartkowski
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SERVING CLIENTS FROM A CULTURALLY DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOOD

The neighborhood that surrounds the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center is culturally rich. The majority of the 67,000 individuals who live in it come from diverse ethnic backgrounds. Over half of Milwaukee's Hispanic population lives in the Center's service area. This area also has the greatest concentration of Hmong and Laotian people in the City of Milwaukee.

The number of working poor in the area continues to increase as do the problems they face such as poor housing conditions, unemployment, lack of health insurance, language barriers, alcohol and drug abuse, exposure to environmental health hazards, poor nutrition, crime, and lack of education. Sixteenth Street Community Health Center has responded to these needs by offering an array of health and social services that





empower individuals to take better control of their lives.

The diversity of our neighborhood is reflected in the Center's patients :

75% - HISPANIC

13% - WHITE

7% - SOUTHEAST ASIAN

3% - AFRICAN AMERICAN

2% - NATIVE AMERICAN & MIDDLE EASTERN

During the past year, 64% of our clients were females and nearly half were children under the age of 12. Approximately 70% of our clients had incomes below the poverty level. If the Center did not exist, thousands of these men, women and children would not receive adequate health services.



PROMOTING HEALTHIER LIVES

As a community-based health care center, the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center is often the only source of primary medical care for people living in the neighborhoods we serve. One key element of the services provided at the Center is the focus on prevention. Staff help people to understand the importance of receiving health care on an ongoing basis and educate them about how to live healthier lives so that health problems do not develop or become worse.

Unfortunately, there are too many instances of chronic or catastrophic illnesses that show up at our door which could either be prevented or reduced. The challenge is heightened because of the cultural and social barriers (ie: language limitations, lack of education, no health insurance, etc.).

Still we continue to make strides in our effort to focus on prevention, intervention, and outreach. The focus of our care extends into the neighborhoods, where Sixteenth Street Community Health Center staff are increasing home visits. Case managers reach out to pregnant women, chronically ill children and people who personally battle AIDS.

The success levels are a reflection of the comfort levels established among our patients. Patients interact with staff who speak their language, understand their culture, and spend the time to help them understand how they can take steps to positively impact their health.

Whether it is providing pregnancy testing, prenatal care, domestic violence counseling, immunizations, or alcohol and other drug abuse treatment, the physicians, nurses, case managers, social workers, outreach workers, health educators, and others work as a team to provide the highest quality of health care that is available today.

The next few pages illustrate the wide array of services provided at the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center and the impact they made on clients in 1995. All services are offered in English, Spanish, Hmong and Laotian.

SERVICES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Poverty can be a barrier to obtaining critical mental health services. Together with Catholic Social Services, the Center now offers mental health services to people who require assistance dealing with complex social and mental health issues.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Last year, south side residents made more than 10,000 visits seeking help for violence in the home, alcohol and other drug abuse problems, assistance to find shelter or emergency food, family problems, and other social issues. Weekly support groups help to promote self esteem, leading to a better quality of life for the women and teens who participate. A smoking cessation program was recently added to the array of social services offered to the community.

BREAST FEEDING SUPPORT PROJECT

Breastfeeding is not only economical but also beneficial to the health of both mother and child. It can prevent the development of childhood diseases. Through this project, 200 women learned the benefits of breastfeeding and received personal support. As a result, 85% of the women enrolled in the program were successfully breastfeeding six weeks after they gave birth. That is double the number who were successfully breastfeeding prior to the program.

HEALTH EDUCATION

The future of health care is prevention. As a part of preventive care, individuals are provided with information to help them lead healthier lives. In 1995, over 1,500 pregnant women and their partners benefitted from nutrition, parenting, breastfeeding, and child birth classes. In an effort to promote healthier behaviors and reduce the number of teen pregnancies, almost 700 teens from area high schools participated in sexual responsibility classes.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

In 1995, approximately 8,000 children and adults visited the Center for health check-ups, immunizations, pregnancy testing, treatment for illnesses or health conditions, and other primary health services. Through our pediatric case management program, 95 children with chronic health conditions received comprehensive medical care, home visits from outreach workers and counseling from social workers.

HIV/AIDS OUTREACH & CASE MANAGEMENT

The presence of HIV is a tragic reality. The Center offers free anonymous HIV testing and preventive education to community residents. During 1995, more than 225 people were tested for HIV. The Center is providing comprehensive follow-up care to 32 individuals who tested positive.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROJECT

This project helps to identify environmental hazards in and around homes near the Center. Workers went door-to-door to test children under the age of ten for lead poisoning. Out of 214 kids who were a part of the initial program, nearly 40% showed elevated levels of lead. Working with the city's Health Department, children are receiving essential care early, helping to prevent severe health problems from developing later in the lives of these youngsters.

IMMUNIZATION PROJECT

The Center coordinates a county-wide immunization project. Throughout Milwaukee County, nearly 4,500 children under the age of two received critical immunizations to help ensure childhood diseases do not strike. Immunization rates have more than doubled in the past year as a result of this project.

PERINATAL CASE MANAGEMENT

The ultimate goal of the perinatal case management program is the birth of healthy babies. Last year, more than 600 pregnant women received medical check-ups, health education, nutrition counseling, and home visits by case managers. As a result of these efforts, 93% of the newborns were above normal birth weight.

TEEN MENTORING PROJECT

The lack of role models can lead to problems for some youth in our community. The Center's satellite clinic at South Division High School offered a positive solution to 39 teens during the 1995-96 school year. Mentors are helping these students reach their full potential by providing them with guidance, support and tutoring.

WOMEN INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM

Proper nutrition goes a long way towards helping infants and toddlers get healthy starts to their lives. Nearly 5,600 women and children benefitted from the program in 1995, receiving nutrition education, food supplements and referrals to health services.

SCHOOL-BASED WELLNESS CENTER

Our satellite clinic at South Division High School brings health care to teens who are not likely to get it any other way. During the past year, the School-Based Wellness Center helped 600 teens with urgent care, health education, pregnancy testing, health check-ups, and ways to live healthier lives.



1995 SUCCESS STORIES

The following are just a few examples of the many people who have overcome their health problems and are living healthier lives as a result of the services they received at the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center.

JESUS...

Seventeen-year-old Jesus recently arrived from Mexico and enrolled as a student at South Division High School. Jesus wanted to play in a fall sport but a sports physical was required and he did not have a doctor. With no health insurance, Jesus was grateful to receive a sports physical at the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center's satellite clinic, the Wellness Center, located at South Division High School.

A few months later, Jesus developed an infection in his right foot. The infection progressively got worse and Jesus visited the Wellness Center. The medical provider diagnosed him with cellulitis, which is an inflammation of the tissues, and he was admitted to Children's Hospital. If he had waited any longer, Jesus could have lost his leg.

Though Jesus' leg has now healed, he regularly visits the Wellness Center for minor health problems and has become a patient at Sixteenth Street Community Health Center.

NANCY...

At the age of three months, Nancy developed an extremely high fever. Her mother brought Nancy in to see her pediatrician at the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center. Dr. Waters, one of the Center's pediatricians, was concerned that she might have a serious infection. An evaluation at the Center pointed to a urinary tract infection as the cause of Nancy's high fever and she was hospitalized for antibiotic treatment. X-rays of her kidneys showed an abnormality in her urinary flow system. A urologist saw Nancy and recommended a corrective operation to prevent permanent damage to Nancy's kidneys. Nancy underwent the surgery and it was a complete success. She continues to be monitored by Dr. Waters on an ongoing basis. Her mother, father, and two brothers are extremely happy that Nancy is healthy and full of life again.



NAOMI...

Naomi, age 27, first sought care through the perinatal program at the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center when she was pregnant with her third baby. She was using cocaine, marijuana, alcohol and smoked tobacco on a regular basis. She wanted to quit using drugs but her only support systems were family members who also abused drugs and alcohol. She received structured treatment from the AODA counselor up to three times a week. The perinatal case managers also visited Naomi in her home, showed her good nutrition and helped her with parenting skills. She delivered a healthy baby girl in November 1995. To this day, Naomi attends the support groups at the clinic and is clean and sober. For the first time she and her children are participating in family-oriented activities. They are enjoying life to its fullest.



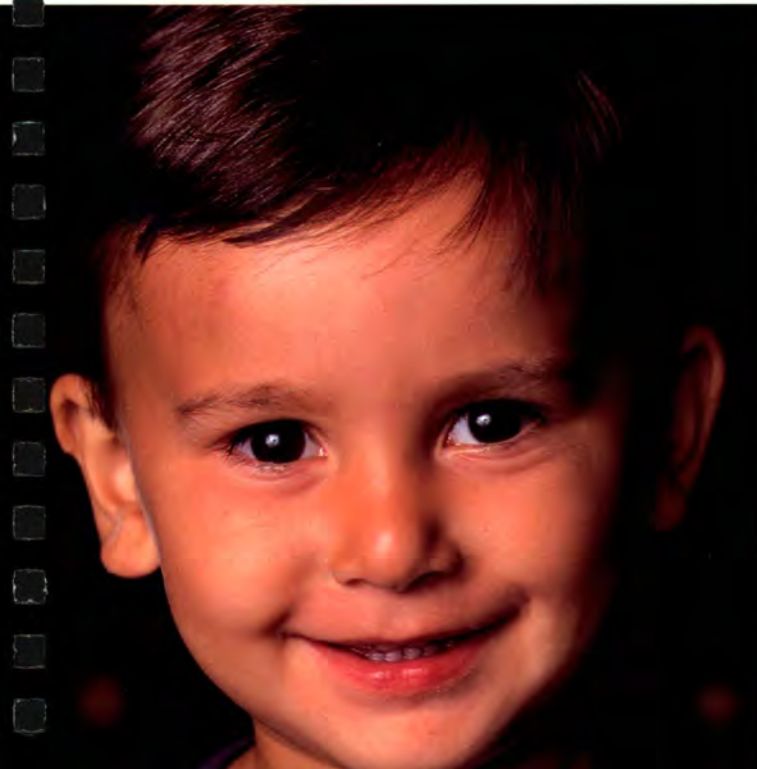
ZACHARY...

When Zachary was 18 months old, he was taken to the emergency room by his mom because of a swollen knee. The doctor in the emergency room suggested that Zachary see his primary care provider if the swelling did not go down. When pediatrician David Waters saw Zachary's knee, he suggested that it might be juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Dr. Waters referred him to a specialist. The specialist confirmed the arthritis diagnosis and began treating Zachary for his condition. Without the quick diagnosis and treatment, a serious dysfunction of the joints could have occurred and Zachary's leg could have been disfigured. He continues to receive therapy and visits the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center on an ongoing basis.



NICOLE...

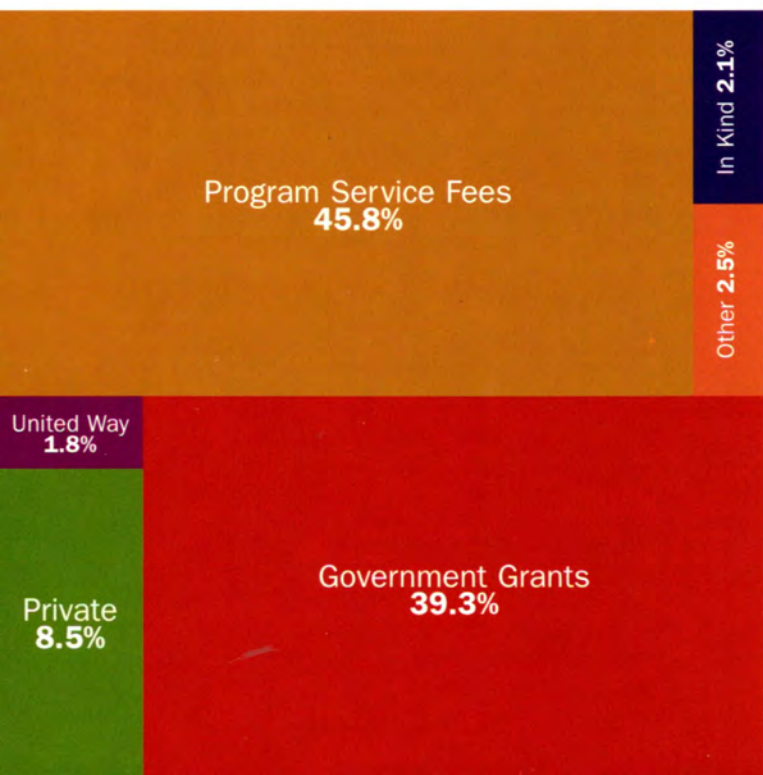
At age 17, Nicole came into the Center for a check-up. She had been sick to her stomach. Her mother was concerned that she may be pregnant. During the examination, Dr. Sanchez noticed a nodule on the side of Nicole's throat. He referred her to a specialist to receive a biopsy and additional tests. Nicole was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Surgery was performed and today Nicole is regularly monitored by Dr. Sanchez. Her cancer is in remission.



1995 FINANCIALS

April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996

REVENUE BY SOURCE



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● Private Support <i>(Corporate & Individual contributions, Foundation Grants)</i>	8.5%
● Government Grants	39.3%
● Program Service Fees	45.8%
● United Way	1.8%
● In Kind	2.1%
● Other	2.5%

Total Revenue **\$6,807,839**

SIXTEENTH STREET COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

*Balance sheet for the year ending March 31, 1996
as audited by Conley McDonald, CPA & consultants.*

Assets

Current assets	2,482,426
Long term assets	3,570,540
Other assets	15,350
Total	6,068,316

Liabilities and Net Assets

Long term liability	405,485
Long term debt	450,485
Net assets	5,212,346
Total	6,068,316

WHERE
THE
MONEY
GOES

Social
Services **2.9%**

School-Based
Health Services **3.2%**

Administration
16.1%

Primary Health Care
53.2%

Other
Outreach
Projects
7.7%

Women,
Infants &
Children
9.9%

Health
Education
& Case
Management
7.0%

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

• Primary Health Care	53.2%
• Social Services	2.9%
• Health Education & Case Management	7.0%
• Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	9.9%
• School-Based Health Services	3.2%
• Other Outreach Projects	7.7%
• Administration	16.1%

Total Expenses **\$6,160,334**



SPECIAL THANKS...

TO OUR STAFF

Our staff is committed to providing our clients with quality health services in a culturally sensitive manner. Approximately 70% of our staff is bilingual in Spanish and English. Presently, the Center has 130 staff members including doctors, medical assistants, physician assistants, registered nurses, nutritionists, community health workers, case managers, social workers, AODA counselors, a breastfeeding consultant, health educators, outreach workers, and administrative staff who all work together as a team. Thanks to all of them for their extreme dedication to their work and the community.

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the health and well-being of Milwaukee's near South Side residents by providing quality, family-based health care, health education and social services, free from linguistic, cultural and economic barriers.

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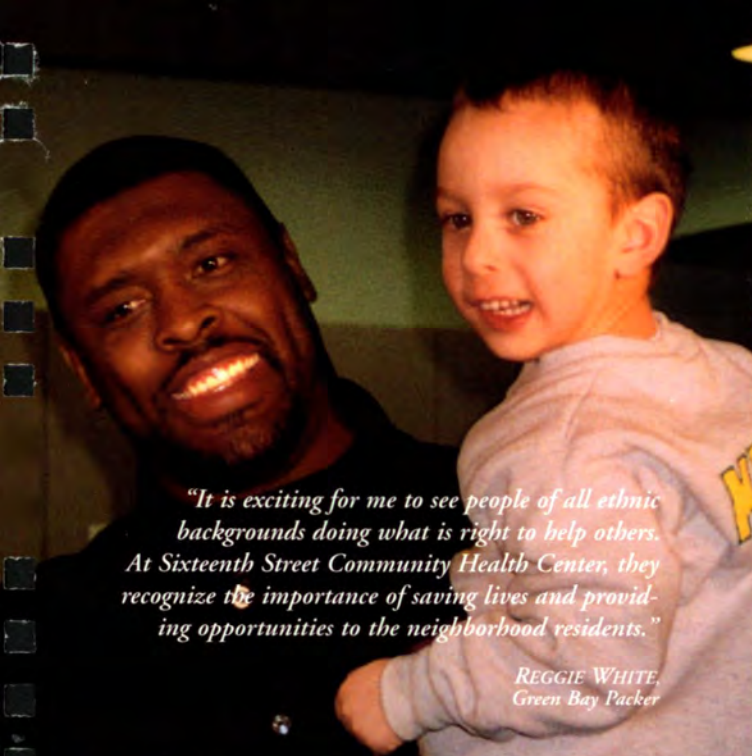
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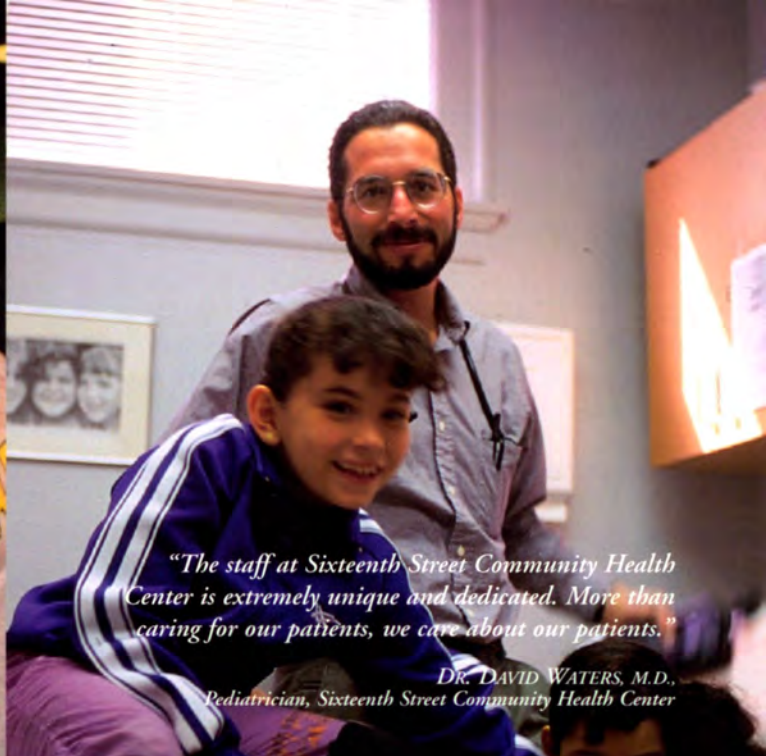
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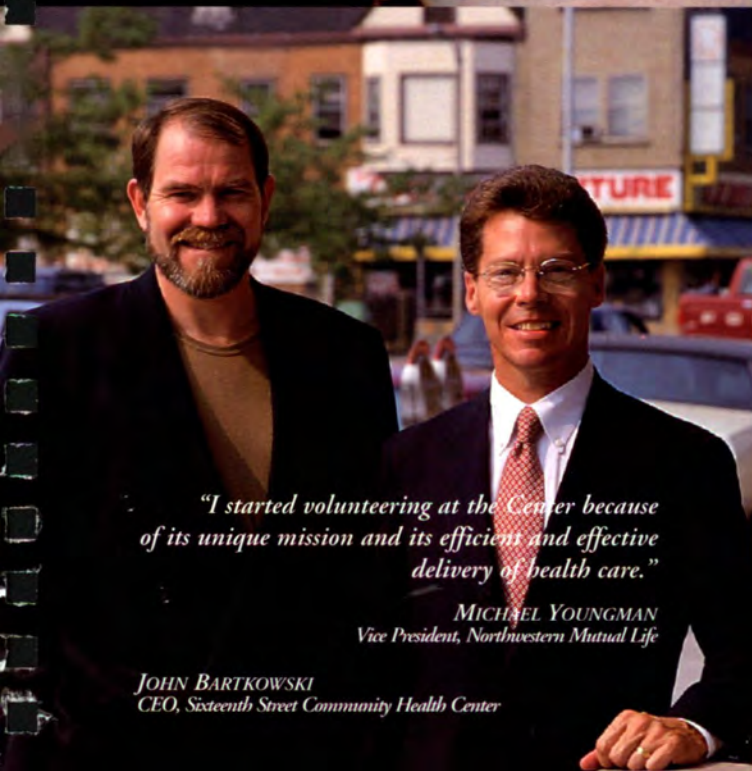
"It is exciting for me to see people of all ethnic backgrounds doing what is right to help others. At Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, they recognize the importance of saving lives and providing opportunities to the neighborhood residents."

REGGIE WHITE
Green Bay Packer



"The staff at Sixteenth Street Community Health Center is extremely unique and dedicated. More than caring for our patients, we care about our patients."

DR. DAVID WATERS, M.D.
Pediatrician, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center



"I started volunteering at the Center because of its unique mission and its efficient and effective delivery of health care."

MICHAEL YOUNGMAN
Vice President, Northwestern Mutual Life

JOHN BARTKOWSKI
CEO, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center



"If it were not for the Sixteenth Street Health Center, I would not be where I am today. Thanks to the Center, I have two healthy babies, a good marriage, a career and a better outlook on life. I am eternally grateful to all of the wonderful staff members who stood by me."

VIRGINIA CORDOBA
Client, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center



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Student posts his anti-violence view

Teen's work was picked as best among entries in poster contest

By KRISTINA M. KNAPCIK
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Antonio Rivera did not know he was entering a poster contest when he designed the winning anti-violence poster that was unveiled in a special ceremony before a recent Milwaukee Bucks game.

"I was surprised," he said, when he learned that his poster would be hung on billboards at two Milwaukee locations, and that he had won a basketball autographed by the Bucks and free Bucks tickets.

Antonio said he designed the

poster in his seventh-grade class because the teacher told the students to do so.

The contest was an anti-violence program sponsored by the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, the Bruce Guadalupe Community School and the Milwaukee Bucks as part of an initiative to increase crime prevention awareness in a south side Milwaukee neighborhood.

"Far too often in our community we look for the negative," said John Bartkowski, chief executive of the Sixteenth Street center.

The children who live in the neighborhood of the center and the school know about violence all too well, he said.

"We need to work together," Principal Elma Radke said about curbing violence in Milwaukee.

She said her students are very aware of the violence that is going on around them.

"We wanted to get the kids to give us their views of violence in the community," Bartkowski said.

Antonio Rivera's view on violence was intensified when a violent act hit close to home last month. His sister, Sabrina Vega, 19, was stabbed near his aunt's house in the neighborhood of 15th and Becher streets, he said.

He had already drawn the poster but had not yet known he had won when his sister was attacked. He said she was stabbed three times, once in the lower back area and once in each arm.

He said a 56-year-old man stabbed his sister for no reason and then ran away. He said she

was in Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital for a while in critical condition and had to have a kidney removed. While she was in the hospital she got pneumonia, but she is now feeling better, he said.

He said he hopes his poster will curb violent acts so he can "stop seeing people get killed in the streets all of the time."

"It is important to stop violence so people can stay alive," he said.

Andrew Lang, the Bucks starting center, unveiled the winning poster with Antonio, 13, who won best poster of the more than 80 entries that were submitted, Bartkowski said. Antonio said he was a big fan of Lang when he played for the Minnesota Timberwolves.



TOM LYNN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Antonio Rivera won a design contest for crime prevention, and his work is displayed on two billboards in town. Standing with Antonio is John Bartkowski, chief executive of the 16th Street Community Health Center.

FOCUS EDUCATION

WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD GRANT

Kids learn to test for lead

Project pairs elementary, high school students to increase awareness

BY CURTIS LAWRENCE
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Alex Codero, a 9-year-old fourth-grader at Kagel Elementary School, and Kookie Wiggins, a 15-year-old junior from Milwaukee Trade and Technical High School, held their test tube in the air, both eyeing it carefully to determine whether the solution inside had changed color.

Alex and Kookie are part of a unique project that pairs students from the two schools, combining classroom science with attempts to increase awareness about lead poisoning.

On Friday, students from Milwaukee Tech, 319 W. Virginia St., went to Kagel, 1210 W. Mineral St., to teach fourth- and fifth-graders how to test for lead using samples the children brought from their homes. Using potassium chromate, Kookie and eight other chemistry students from Tech showed the students how to conduct a simple test for the presence of lead.



RICK WOOD

Teresa Estrada, 10; David Correa, 9; and Betsey Garcia, 9, students at Kagel Elementary, heat liquid with paint particles from their home to test for lead. Supervising them is Milwaukee Tech student Alea Benston.

The exercise is part of the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center's Pollution-Free Schools Project funded by a \$20,000 grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board. The project, which targets a wide range of environmental issues, is a joint effort by MPS, Citizens for a Better Environment and the University of Wisconsin Extension's Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center.

"This is one of the most important problems for folks who live in the central city," Peter McAvoy, co-director of the Environmental Health Project at the health center, said of the lead testing project.

"Because of the age of the housing, many of the houses have lead paint in them."

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission banned lead paint for consumer use after 1977. Federal health officials say that a child's exposure to lead can cause learning disabilities, behavior problems and lowered

IQs.

Mayor John Norquist recently announced that the city had been awarded a \$4.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for lead poisoning prevention.

The citywide lead poisoning rate is three times higher than the national average. Last year city health clinics and local pediatricians reported 4,432 Milwaukee children 5 and younger had dangerous levels of lead in their blood.

Kookie explained to the Kagel students that the presence of lead in their homes was nothing that should make them feel ashamed or afraid.

Other Milwaukee Tech chemistry students participating in the project are: Malina Wiggins, Kelly Cooper, Alea Benston, Marcus Powell, Matt Austen, Prentice Johnson, Anthony Mathews, Adam Rossman, Tony Wettstein and Jay Doepke.

"We learned that if you play with it or eat it you can get real sick," said Alex, explaining what he learned from the project.

While the samples from Alex's house did not contain lead, some of his classmates found lead in their samples.

School officials and representatives from the health center will follow up with parents and inform them about testing their children for lead poisoning and provide them with information about how to reduce the chance of lead contamination.

Although education about lead poisoning has been in place for years, "public education doesn't stay done, it needs to be repeated," said Ellyn McKenzie, the environmental project coordinator at the health center.

The rate of lead poisoning is 38% for children tested by the Sixteenth Street Health Center, 1032 S. 16th St. That compares with an overall statewide rate of 19%, clinic officials said.

Kagel science teacher Hazel L. Luckett said the project will not only educate the 100 fourth- and fifth-graders at her school but also eventually will trickle up to parents and others in the community.

"It's a carry-through from the

students to the parents," Luckett said. She said that on the school's next parents' night on Nov. 20, parents will watch a video about lead poisoning, and representatives from the health center will be available to answer their questions.

The Kagel students have already seen the video as part of a weeklong science unit on lead poisoning.

Steve Marshall, the chemistry teacher at Milwaukee Tech, said the project not only allowed his second-year chemistry students to review material from last year, it also helps with their social development.

"I think they get to be a positive role model and they take that very seriously," Marshall said.

"I feel it's important because a lot of these children have little brothers and sisters under 6 years old," said Alea, one of the Milwaukee Tech chemistry students. "Kids are innocent, and there's no reason for them to be affected by lead poisoning for the rest of their lives."

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