

OPEN DOOR FAMILY MEDICAL CENTERS RECEIVES GRANT TO BENEFIT BREAST HEALTH PROGRAM

Open Door Family Medical Centers (www.opendoormedical.org) has announced that the federally qualified community health center has received a \$5,000 award from TD Charitable Foundation to support its Breast Health Education, Outreach and Case Management Program. The award was hand-delivered by John Stylianou, Ossining Branch Manager and Adam Kintish, Vice President and Retail Market Manager of TD Bank.

Open Door's Breast Health Program provides culturally and linguistically-appropriate support to the women it serves. This generous donation will further expand outreach services to women in Northern and Central Westchester, many of whom do not speak English or lack health insurance. Open Door's objective is to improve mortality rates and eliminate health disparities among the economically disadvantaged by providing equal access to prevention, screening, and treatment for breast cancer.

Health care providers at Open Door educate women over 20 about breast self-exams and refer all women over 40 for mammography. Open Door also provides referral and support services, ensuring identification of disease and follow-up, as well as transportation for patients who need it for mammogram screenings. Open Door anticipates the program reaching nearly 12,000 women in 2010-11.

"Open Door is unique in having a Patient Advocate Program which provides Education and Support and Case Management to patients who receive medical services at our Health Center," said Pam Ferrari, RN, Director of Performance Improvement at Open Door. "One of the responsibilities of the patient advocates is the Breast Health Education, Outreach and Case Management Program. Without case management only 50% of the women referred for mammograms actually got a mammogram. With case management the percent has risen to 75%. All patients who have abnormal findings have a caring person who speaks their language to coordinate additional diagnostics and or treatment. The difference this service has made in the lives of women is immeasurable. "

About Open Door Family Medical Centers

Open Door serves a vast multi-cultural community and has provided top quality medical, dental care and social services to the Westchester community, particularly the economically disadvantaged, for 38 years. The organization has four centers in Westchester located in Ossining, Port Chester, Mt. Kisco and Sleepy Hollow. In addition, Open Door operates School-Based Health Centers in Port Chester at The Edison Elementary School, Kennedy Magnet School, Port Chester Middle School and Port Chester High School. In 2009, approximately 41,000 patients were treated at Open Door, making nearly 200,000 patient visits. Over 12,500 children were treated during that same year. Funding for the

federally qualified community health center comes from local, state and federal grants as well as private foundations and individuals.

About the TD Charitable Foundation

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