

OPERATION Breakthrough

Dear Eric and Friends at O'Brien Pharmacy,

April 26, 2010

We can't thank you enough for reaching out to the parents of our children in such a generous way. We were delighted to learn that you have sent \$500 for medical supplies for our adult health clinic.

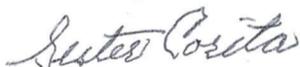
Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. As you know, the parents we serve are hard-working folks. Unfortunately, however, they tend to work in jobs with few benefits. If they take time off because they are sick or to go to the doctor, they don't get paid. Often, their hours are kept below 30 per week so they are not entitled to health insurance, yet adults earning more than \$434 per month in Missouri are not eligible for Medicaid either! They cannot win.

If our parents are to receive the health care they need, clinics such as ours must continue! But keeping the clinic open, even with volunteer nurse practitioners, is very expensive. Paying for lab work alone is tens of thousands of dollars each year, yet without it, we can't offer comprehensive diagnostic care to our families. Then there are the supplies. It's amazing how fast items such as pain relievers and tongue depressors add up! Your aid in this area is a huge help.

We know our clinic saves the health care system a lot of money every time just one of our parents gets the care she needs from us, rather than going to a hospital emergency room when she gets off work, a practice that was very common among our parents before our clinic opened. A number of parents have learned that they have diabetes or high blood pressure while visiting our clinic. You can imagine what might have happened in to their health down the road if they had not gotten early treatment for these conditions through our clinic. Thank you so much for helping us keep this valuable resource open and available to working-poor families.

The parents here join us in sending you warm appreciation for your help in keeping them healthy, so they can continue to work and care for their children. You are all invited to come by and see the clinic for yourselves. Just give us a call at 816-365-5059 if you'd ever like to set a time to visit. We would love the chance to thank you in person.

Best wishes,



Sister Corita Bussanmas
Co-director



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