

COMMUNITY  
MEDICAL CARE  
CENTER



August 16, 2023

M. Meredith Kirste, P.A.  
North Lake County Hospital District Funding  
7928 U.S. Highway 441, Suite 3  
Leesburg, FL 34788

Subject: Request for Continued Funding for 2023/2024

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Dear Mrs. Kirste,

For the past 27 years, Community Medical Care Center has provided medical care to the most medically needy residents of Lake County. Our clinic is able to provide more indigent care visits than any other free clinic in Lake County due to our large number of volunteer physicians.

We currently enjoy the volunteer partnership of 42 licensed primary and specialty care healthcare professionals. At every clinic session, we have a family practice or internal medicine physician working alongside our nurse practitioner to assure quality medical care. We also provide our patients with in-house specialty medical care in over 18 areas of expertise.

These licensed health care professionals and 22 volunteer office personnel make our clinic a one-stop medical home for our patients both in primary care as well as specialty care. We also wrap around our medical care with a state-of-the-art dental wing where volunteer dentists offer their time and expertise to ensure that small dental problems don't become large medical issues for our patients.

We are so thankful that in 1990, our community recognized the critical need for indigent medical care for those in our area and because of their great compassion and love of their neighbors, the North Lake County Hospital District was formed. People who wanted to do more than just talk about things like "love your neighbor as yourself", they wanted to live it out. Over the past 33 years, that love, and compassion has helped thousands upon thousands during their time of medical need.

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The Hospital District makes it possible for free clinics like ours to reach out with the personal healing touch that so many in our community couldn't get any other way. This critical funding provides about 80% of our overall budget and without it our services would be greatly reduced leaving a huge hole in the lives of the most vulnerable in our community.

Knowing the heart of this board and your desire for free volunteer community clinics like ours to be ready to help those in need, we are requesting that you would allow us to continue this important work by providing \$217,000 in funding to meet the needs of an estimated 1,400 patient visits this coming year at a rate of \$155 per visit.

We are grateful for your continued service to our community by carrying on this important work of helping our neighbors in need. It's our passion and our pleasure to press on in that mission by ensuring that the most basic needs of the medically underserved in our community will be met by local free volunteer clinics with a caring, professional, and personal environment, providing them and their family with health and hope for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill".

Bill Jones  
Executive Director