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PHYSICIANS' CARE CLINIC AWARDED GRANT FROM IMLAY FOUNDATION

Imlay grant will help fund medical care for low-income, uninsured residents of DeKalb County

Decatur, GA, December 20, 2013 – Physicians' Care Clinic, the oldest and largest free clinic in DeKalb County, has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from The Imlay Foundation to help support the 10 percent growth in patients expected during 2014. The clinic provides non-emergency, primary health care to over 1,400 low-income and uninsured residents of DeKalb County.

"We are tremendously grateful to the Imlay Foundation for this timely grant. Physicians' Care will be here for our neighbors who can't afford insurance and who aren't eligible for Medicaid in Georgia," said Carole Fortenberry, the Nurse Administrator of the clinic who is responsible for day-to-day operations.

According to recent data, Georgia has the second largest population, estimated at over 400,000 and second only to Texas, who will not be eligible for the Medicaid expansion taking effect January 1, 2014. Under the Affordable Care Act, now widely known as ObamaCare, states had the choice to expand Medicaid for the poor and disabled. The expansion will primarily be paid for by the federal government, yet 25 states opted out, leaving nearly 5 million people in the U.S. without health care coverage.

DeKalb County is ranked second in Georgia for the highest concentration of uninsured, estimated at nearly 25 percent. The clinic was founded in 1992 by the DeKalb Medical Society to help provide a health care 'safety net' for these very low-income adults. Over the years, the number of patients has steadily grown.

Today, 200 dedicated medical professionals – physicians, nurses, pharmacists and others – volunteer 3,900 hours annually at the clinic to provide primary health care services. PCC is unique among free clinics in that it offers comprehensive care including diagnostic testing, pharmaceuticals, health education, health management supplies, access to primary care physicians and specialty referrals.

For more information on the PCC, visit the website at www.physicianscareclinic.org.

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