



Manet Community Health Center

Holiday Giving Campaign



Manet Community Health Center has been accredited by the Joint Commission.

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“I have never felt more welcome, more accepted and more cared for! Manet staff treat me like their family.”

– Grateful patient, John M., 56, Weymouth

Dear Friend,

When John first came to us last spring, he brought with him fear and apprehension about medicine in general. He was used to long wait times and *“more business-focused than people-focused practices”*. His previous experiences only made him more anxious and less compliant with his diabetes care. As a result, his motor function and eye sight had diminished over time. As it turned out, John was struggling with eye disease and without surgery was at risk of losing his eye sight!

Today, John is ambulatory and sees fine – and he is managing his chronic diabetes – thanks to his Manet care team. With appropriate medical care, nutrition therapy, diabetic education and chronic disease management, John is thriving! He told me *“Dr. Zamuco is very calming, she treats her patients with dignity.... she is the best doctor I have ever had!”*

John’s health outcomes – and numerous studies – point out that health centers outperform in the areas of quality and cost. A recent study published by the American Medical Association found that *“even despite the significant reduction in un-insurance levels in Massachusetts, the demand for care at safety-net facilities [like Manet], continues to rise. Most safety-net patients do not view these facilities as providers of last resort. Rather, they prefer the types of care that are offered there. It will continue to be important to support safety-net providers, even after health care reform programs are established.”*

At Manet, we help our patients and their families achieve their optimal level of health and wellness in part by reducing health disadvantages and by ensuring equality in care. This translates into fewer hospital stays, less emergency room visits and an increased number of healthy patients.

Our care is comprehensive. In addition to routine preventive, primary and non-emergent urgent care, Manet offers supportive social services like public health insurance navigation and enrollment, nutrition counseling, chronic disease management – all bundled together for patients like John. With a focus on prevention, health access, health parity and patient education – we are the provider of choice for many.

Individuals like you help bring the Manet Mission to life. Your support is crucial! Moreover, cuts this year to state and federal spending have put Manet’s budget in jeopardy like never before. Please consider sending a tax-deductible gift today. Your support means you care enough to continue our important work. Please know that more than 76 cents of every dollar to Manet goes to direct patient care!

Manet’s Mission is to provide the highest quality, integrated health care, supportive social services, and health and wellness programs to all residents in our South Shore communities who need them — from individuals and families, to infants and elders, from the walking well to the chronically challenged, the insured and the uninsured – who do or do not have the ability to pay.

Your holiday gift enables care for 14,000 patients like John each year, who come to us for care five days a week, plus nights and Saturdays. Your investment in Manet today is a worthy choice for a healthier tomorrow, because, at the end of the day, our communities – and people like John – are healthier and more productive for it. Thank you for your support!

Best holiday wishes,

Henry N. Tuttle, Chief Executive Officer

P.S. Every gift is important – every gift counts. Please use the envelope and response form provided, and return your gift today. Thank you!