The year 2020 has been one of dramatic change for all health centers. At Open Door Health Center, it has been all about the ability to adapt, innovate, and respond to things happening throughout the world.

In the spring of 2020 racial equity in Minnesota came under the spotlight with the murder of George Floyd. Open Door Health Center is an organization providing culturally appropriate care to a diverse population of patients. The national focus on racial tragedy and unrest gave us the opportunity to evaluate and proclaim our support of all people within our service area. A key strategy was learning more about the unique needs of our patients, as well as collaborating closely with community-based organizations that serve diverse populations.

The growing news of the pandemic early in 2020, put us on high alert. Many processes were changed overnight. Three levels of screenings were put in place to keep our patients, staff, and the community safe from infection. Telehealth was quickly put in place for all medical and behavioral health patients. Education and access to technology were key strategies making this successful. We followed closely all CDC, MDH, and industry guidelines to maintain quality care with minimal impact on the safety of all. The American Dental Association required the closing of our dental clinics in Mankato and Jordan. We were able to reopen in less than 4 months with the adoption of new technology (thanks in part to Delta Dental) and techniques to reduce aerosol production during procedures.

Ultimately 2020, though challenging, lead to increased flexibility, and the adoption of strategies to ensure long-term sustainability. The support of our donors, local corporation and foundations, and state and federal grant dollars was essential in our ability to weather the storms in 2020.

We hope you will join us as we continue to innovate, to bring greater health to all of our communities.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Eastlund
CEO - July, 2021
Who We Are

Open Door Health Center is a non-profit, federally qualified, community health center (FQHC), providing quality affordable health care to everyone.

The Open Door team has an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for our patients and within our community. We do this by providing integrated health care services, regardless of the patient’s ability to pay. With our cooperative, team-based approach, Open Door providers offer quality medical, dental, and behavioral health care all in one place. Open Door also offers insurance enrollment, legal assistance, and pharmacy services onsite at the main clinic in Mankato.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide access to integrated, patient-centered care for our communities.

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide health equity for everyone.

What We Value

- Patient-centered Care
- Integration of Services
- Health Equity
- Reduction of Social Risk Factors

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Access for All

In 2020, ODHC patients came from 23 counties in Southern Minnesota.

Open Door provides access for patients who may not otherwise get the health care they deserve. By overcoming barriers to care, we move closer to providing health equity for our whole community.

Most Common Barriers to Health Care:
- Insurance
- Income
- Transportation
- Language

Approximately 15% of ODHC patients are best served in a language other than English.
As a Federally Qualified Health Center, the purpose of Open Door remains unchanged. ODHC provides access to quality affordable health care for all people in our service area, regardless of their ability to pay.

Under the leadership of our co-acting CEOs, we adapted to crisis and engaged with local, state, and federal grantors and donors to maintain operations and provide quality services to our communities throughout the crises of 2020.

*These numbers have not officially been audited*
Revenue Streams

PAYOR MIX BY DEPARTMENT

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS
In 2020, Open Door Health Center treated 6,993 unique patients. Not including the nearly 5,000 students served in school-based dental outreach.

6,993
Graph at left is reflective of unique patients (only counted once each). They visited one or more clinics at any of the Open Door Health Center locations.

5,000
This does not include the 5,000 resource bags distributed to children through our school-based dental outreach program.

785
Almost eight hundred additional patients were assisted with enrollment in MNsure.
Patient Stories in 2020

INTEGRATED CARE

“I first moved to MN with my family in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, we left after a couple of years, but just recently moved back. I first heard about Open Door as a recommendation from the County because I needed to get my medications refilled and couldn't afford to do it at the other clinics or hospitals. When I came in I was desperate and felt like a wreck. It had been 5 to 6 days without my medications and I felt manic, was shaking, and couldn't sleep. I came into Open Door and was unsure of what to do. One of the staff must have realized that I was unwell and she brought me back to her office and helped me figure out what I needed to do. She helped me meet with the enrollment navigators to get my family enrolled with MNsure, got my prescriptions filled, and set up future appointments. Now I keep bringing my family back because Open Door is a “one-stop-shop” for all my healthcare needs. I can get all of my appointments and medications in one place, and at a more affordable price for my family. The providers and staff are so friendly and always so helpful. I will always be grateful for the help and support that Open Door has provided my family and me.”

QUALITY, FAMILY CARE

“I first came to Open Door in 2009, my family and I were in dire need of a dental provider. We choose to come to ODHC due to the accommodations, level of service, and empathy that the staff displayed towards us. Before coming to OD, I had a low opinion of dental providers based on previous experiences of them talking down to me. At OD the dental team has always been incredibly nice and does a fantastic job explaining what they are working on and why as they go. Based on the continued positive interactions that my family has experienced here, my opinion of dental providers has completely changed. No matter what your income level is, they treat you with dignity and kindness and give you the utmost quality care”

COMPASSIONATE PROVIDERS

“Ever since moving to Minnesota in 2012, I’ve been using Open Door as my primary care facility. When I first moved here I was a mess. I had just lost my job and moved to a brand new place where I didn't know anyone. When I shared this diagnosis with the staff here they told me, “You’ll get as much out of life as you put into it”, and that made all the difference in my life. During that time I cannot explain the hardship that this diagnosis put my family through and the stress that it caused me. Before coming to Open Door, I've always felt like just a number in healthcare facilities, but that's not the case here and that's why my family and I keep coming back. Around two months ago, my physical health finally stabilized and I believe that a lot of that has to do with having such an integrated care team supporting me. ODHC helped with my health, mentality, and my family life. I appreciate that ODHC treats me like family, while still being professional. ODHC taught me how to believe in my own strength while making me feel special. Open Door changes lives, providing their patients with quality and affordable healthcare. I would recommend ODHC to anyone who struggles with both physical and mental health, it’s a great place to bring family, and I'm proud of how ODHC supports our community.”
Community Support

Private Grantors

America's Toothfairy
Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Blue Earth County
City of Mankato, Minnesota
Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation
Greater Mankato Area United Way
Mankato Area Foundation
Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research
Minnesota Dental Foundation
Medica
Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging

Supporting Health Partnerships

Mayo Clinic Health System
Mankato Clinic
Genoa Healthcare

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State Grant Programs

Minnesota Department of Health
FQHC Subsidy
MNsure - Outreach & Enrollment
Sage/Scopes cancer screening programs
Minnesota Department of Health Healthcare Response
In 2020, many champions came forward to highlight the importance of Open Door Health Center as the community health center. It became a mantra within the health center and within our communities... that we would only survive the pandemic if all had access to quality healthcare and accurate healthcare information. The Governor's office, local politicians, and community leaders spoke of the importance of health equity. Open Door became an example of access for everyone. We worked diligently to overcome the barriers caused by geographic isolation, lack of insurance, poverty, and language differences. As businesses closed and jobs were lost, isolation, uncertainty, and loss made our services crucial for the survival of many.

This donor said it best ...

“We have always been aware of the good work that Open Door does for our community. This is the first year we felt compelled to personally support their work. This pandemic has been a great leveler. Our family has done well. We give so that other families can also have one of the basic elements of a happy life, quality health care services.”

Thank you!

$5,000 +

City of Mankato
Mayo Clinic Health System
Olseth Family Foundation

$1,000 - $5,000

Virginia Johnson
Judith Lloyd
United Way of Brown County
Genoa Healthcare
Marco
Community Bank
Anne LaPorte
Edwin D Harrington
Rice County Social Services
Mutual of America

$500 - $1,000

Erik Olson
Orthopaedic and Fracture Clinic
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Rhett Waldock
Weichert Realtors
Dan Bastian
Mankato Kiwanis
US Bank
Connie Pomranke
Betty Winkworth
Mankato Clinic
Brown and Brown
AM club of Mankato
Lynette Dauffenbach
Orthodontic Specialists
Amy Dauffenbach
Susan Olson
Vicki Lauruhn
Donor Support

$500 or Less

Becky Blanck
Kendrick Daum
Alex Ek
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Brian Frink
Abby Daleki
Dunkin Donuts
Starbucks
Bamco, Inc.
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Anne Kruse
Loretta Sigafus
Arluce M. Anderson
MGM Wine and Spirits
Jennifer Vaubel
LaVone Goodell
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Forsee Studios
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Gary Hagen
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Growth Strategies in 2021

Increase patient utilization so that more individuals benefit from integrated services at ODHC.

Enhance technology by upgrading hardware and increasing software integration.

Build sustainability through improvement of payor mix, increasing development, and managing revenue cycles.

Attract and retain quality team members by bringing compensation closer to industry averages and improving benefits.

Clarify ODHC brand by overcoming misperceptions and reaching out to population groups with unmet health needs.

Increase access for patients with social barriers to affordable quality health care.

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