

# NEWS & UPDATES

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## Welcome!

Open Door Health Center (ODHC) is bringing back a quarterly newsletter to highlight the work we are doing as a community health center. If you would like to work with us as a community partner, please reach out to our engagement team at [communications@odhc.org](mailto:communications@odhc.org).

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## Annual Report

The 2024 Annual Report was presented at the January board meeting. The report reflects changes in the organization, patient growth and statistics, the financial report, and how ODHC has impacted our community in the past year. If you would like to review the report, please visit our website at: [www.odhc.org](http://www.odhc.org).

## Dental Therapy Program

ODHC partners with Minnesota State University, Mankato to provide clinical hours for dental therapy students. Students typically complete a four-month stint of clinicals early in their coursework and return as seniors to fulfill their hours. Dental therapists play a vital role at Open Door Health Center by utilizing a broad scope of care, allowing the dentists to see more patients. This valuable partnership allows students to acquire clinical hours and real-world experience, as well as serves as a



workforce pipeline for career placement after course completion. In fact, several former students of the program are already employed by ODHC.

*Winter 2025 cohort of dental therapy students at ODHC.*

ODHC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your tax-deductible donations help us provide patient-centered care to people from over 24 counties in Southern Minnesota. You can donate online at [odhc.org](http://odhc.org) or mail a check to Open Door Health Center, ATTN: Donations, 309 Holly Ln, Mankato, MN 56001.

**DONATE** ❤️

# Grant Work

ODHC utilizes many grants to serve families in our community. Moving into 2025, we are conducting outreach services with financial support from:

- *MN Department of Health: Connecting Families; Community-Based Strategies for Closing Immunization Gaps; Remind/Recall Immunization; Sage Cancer Screenings*
- *MN Department of Human Services: Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services*
- *MNSure: Navigator and Enrollment Services*
- *Greater Mankato Area United Way: Outreach and Integrated Services*
- *Mankato Area Foundation: Breast Cancer Awareness and Services*
- *Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation: Patient Travel*



ODHC Staff show their support at the Mamma Bus visit in 2024.



## Monthly Health Topics

Each month, the Quality and Improvement team focuses on a few health topics for patient care and outreach. These topics guide the clinic operations for improving the health and wellbeing of our patients and community.



- Heart Health
- Children’s Dental Health



- Colorectal Cancer
- Oral Health



- Child Abuse Prevention
- Minority Health
- Autism
- Stress

## Coming Soon to ODHC

Every part of ODHC’s work is informed by our patients’ needs. This is called “patient-centered care”, and the mission, vision, and values of ODHC are based in it. Patient needs are left unmet when care is hard to access. ODHC is excited to announce two new projects in the works to meet our patients where they are.

### Coming August 2025: School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) in Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS)

As part of MAPS’ Full-Service Community School (FSCS) initiative, Open Door has partnered with district leaders to plan SBHCs in two buildings—Lincoln Community Center with Adult Basic Education and the Center for Learning with Early Childhood Education. Both sites will offer limited primary care to start, with future growth planned as needs are identified and funds are raised.

### Coming January 2026: Clinic Opening in Shakopee

In cooperation with Scott County Public Health and Allina St. Francis, Open Door is renovating the Marshall Road Transit Station into a community health center. The CHC model integrates care with multiple services being offered in one place. The Shakopee location will have medical, dental, and behavioral health. This will replace the current Jordan dental clinic, which will more than double the dental capacity Open Door currently offers in Scott County, while also offering more service lines. The new facility will also house Allina behavioral health and substance use disorder services, as well as a Scott County Mobile Crisis Unit.

Both projects are still in the planning stages with much more to come. Stay tuned to our newsletter for updates.



## Let's Hear from the Patients

"Muchas Gracias por su excelente atencion de salud!"

"I enjoy the behavioral Health team. They go above and beyond."

"Always super helpful + friendly, great with kids always"

"All staff at Jordan are awesome. I would recommend everyone to come here!"

"Always enjoy the staff here, they are very thorough and explain well."

## Upcoming Community Events

Open Door partners with **St. Peter Free Clinic** to provide health screenings such as blood pressure and glucose checks, vaccinations, patient education, and more.

Outreach RN Kim VanHoudt will be at St. Peter **twice per month in February, March, and April.**

ODHC visits **Connections Shelter** twice a month during their operating months (October-May) to provide health care and referrals.

Outreach staff will be tabling at **Pedal Past Poverty on Saturday, February 22nd.** If you would like to learn more about this fundraiser, please visit [www.partnersforhousing.org](http://www.partnersforhousing.org).

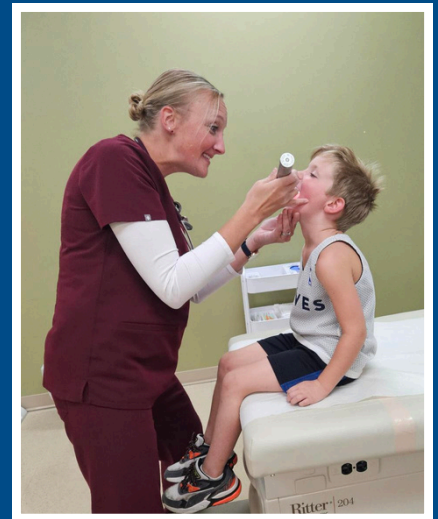
ODHC will be offering flu and covid vaccinations with **COPAL on February 27th** at Shared Spaces in Mankato, MN.

Open Door Health Center will provide resources at **Project Community Connect** at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems Event Center on **Tuesday, April 22nd.**

## Fairmont School-Based Health Center

The idea for the Fairmont School-Based Health Center was born out of a growing need identified by school nurse Emily Fett RN, FNP-C back in the spring of 2022. "Rural communities struggle to find healthcare that is affordable and convenient. We need to remove barriers that exist for students and families so they can stay in school and be healthy," Fett says.

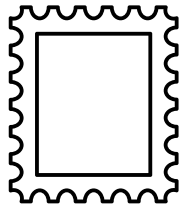
Open Door Health Center launched its SBHC at Fairmont Elementary School in August of 2024 to help underserved students access care. Families have reported to Fett that if this option was not available, they would have no where to go. She hopes that this model will serve as an inspiration to other communities to open similar clinics across the state. "Students must be educated to be healthy, and healthy to be educated. We are doing both in Fairmont," explains Fett.



Family Nurse Practitioner Emily Fett sees a student at the SBHC inside Fairmont Elementary School.



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#### Mankato

Behavioral, Dental, Medical,  
Chiropractic

Monday: 8am-5pm  
Tuesday: 8am-5pm  
Wednesday: 8am-5pm  
Thursday: 9am-5pm  
Friday: 8am-5pm

309 Holly Lane  
Mankato MN 56001

#### Fairmont

School-Based  
Health Center

*Open on school  
days only*  
8am-4pm

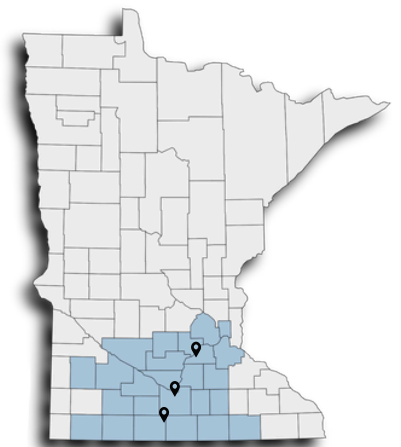
714 Victoria St,  
Fairmont, MN 56031

#### Jordan

Dental

Monday: 8am-5pm  
Tuesday: 8am-5pm  
Wednesday: 8am-5pm  
Thursday: 9am-5pm  
Friday: 8am-5pm

115 Broadway St. S., #600  
Jordan MN 55352



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