



ODHC staff celebrate National Health Center Week in Jordan

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Wrapping up 2025: Can You Help?

Open Door has grown this year! We've added new internships, new partnerships, new grants, and new providers! Our work is critical for the communities we serve in Southern Minnesota, and many of our patients continue to face new barriers to care. We need to be here for them. For you. As we face uncertainties in future funding, we are asking for your help. Any size gift will help us provide care and services to thousands of people in our region.

Please visit odhc.org to make a donation today or use the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope to send a check. You can also utilize MN's Give to the Max donation drive throughout the month of November. Search "Open Door Health Center" on givemn.org/gtmd.



*Patient Representative
Kristeen G.*

Join the ODHC Board!

Kristeen joined the board at Open Door because she wanted to bring a patient perspective into the conversation. "It is really important to me that patients have a say in how ODHC operates," states Kristeen. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, ODHC is required to have a patient-majority makeup on the board of directors. According to the Health Center Program Compliance Manual, "non-patient health center board members must be representative of the community served by the health center." This group of dedicated individuals meets monthly to discuss clinic policy, improvements to care, increasing access for our community, and more. If you would like to join the board at Open Door, email us at communications@odhc.org.



DONATE NOW

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 or mail a check to:
Open Door Health Center, ATTN: Donations
309 Holly Ln, Mankato, MN 56001

Grants Update

Every three years, ODHC must submit a **Service Area Competition (SAC)** application to HRSA to receive our federal funding. This accounts for over half of our annual budget and is critical to the work we do. We were thrilled to receive 21 letters of support from our community partners! We're all in this together.

Open Door was named a recipient of a **SHIP** grant from Blue Earth County this fall. With this grant, ODHC will work with Living Earth Center to create a community garden near the clinic. We will use the garden for healthy food education and as a small produce distribution site. Enjoy our vegetables in the summer of 2026!

ODHC was awarded a **Workplace Safety** grant from MDH, which will be used to improve staff-patient safety at the front desk. Full-length windows will be installed at the Patient Access workstations this winter.

The **SBHC Emerging Site** grant, also from MDH, was awarded to expand our School-Based Health Center reach into the Mankato Area Public Schools. Two locations, Lincoln Community Center and the Center for Learning, will provide health services and referrals to students, staff, and their families in the coming months.

The Mammo Party Returns

Open Door Health Center is partnering with Odam Medical Group to bring back mobile mammography. The Mammo Party will be Wednesday, November 19, right here in the ODHC parking lot! Patients will check in with a provider in the clinic for their appointment, which will begin with a breast exam, and then proceed to the mammography bus for imaging. Treats and jubilation will be shared by all! The Mammo Party is open to all current ODHC patients and will open to the public as space allows. You may be eligible for a free exam using the Minnesota Sage Program if you are uninsured or underinsured. To schedule your appointment or see if you qualify for a free exam, call 507-388-2120.



Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) Full-Service Community School Lead Team shows ODHC COO, Lisa Soupir, and Medical Director, Dr. Radha Kumar, the classroom that will be converted to the clinic space in Lincoln Community Center.

MAPS SBHC

The partnership with Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) to open two School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) this winter is in full swing. As with anything important, change takes time. The contracts, funding, and bids were all delayed, but no one has lost their enthusiasm! This work will add access for thousands of people in our region. Open Door is very excited about all the opportunities this partnership has created. Pop-up care events started in August, and our advisory council meets regularly. Please consider a donation to support this important work!

Mammo Party!

**Wednesday,
November 19
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**



**Call to Schedule:
507-388-2120**



Upcoming Community Events

Open Door partners with the **St. Peter Free Clinic** to provide childhood vaccinations and nursing support. We will be there **twice a month in November, December, and January.**

Outreach RN Kim VanHoudt will be at the Mankato **Salvation Army** providing blood pressure checks and patient education on the **second Wednesday of the month in November, December, and January.**

ODHC providers will be at **Connections Shelter every other Monday** to oversee Mayo residents providing clinical care throughout the shelter's season (October-May).



Communications Director, Emily Heinis, Community Health Worker, Martha Pietsch, and Outreach RN, Kim VanHoudt, attended the Mankato Juneteenth celebration at MSU.

Scott County Integrated Health Center

"Your next appointment will be..."

Appointment cards with a new address on them are very exciting! The new clinic in Shakopee at the Scott County Integrated Health Center is slated to open this spring. Construction is continuing through the winter, building custom rooms for dental, medical, behavioral health, patient services, and more. The Jordan Dental Clinic will be moving its operations to Shakopee, serving an extended base of patients. With more operatories, more dental staff, and more space, the Shakopee location will expand capacity, making appointments easier and quicker to schedule. If you are a current Jordan patient, expect appointments starting in April will be in Shakopee. The scheduling line will remain centralized, so you can talk to the patient access staff at the time of your call for more details.

Monthly Health Topics



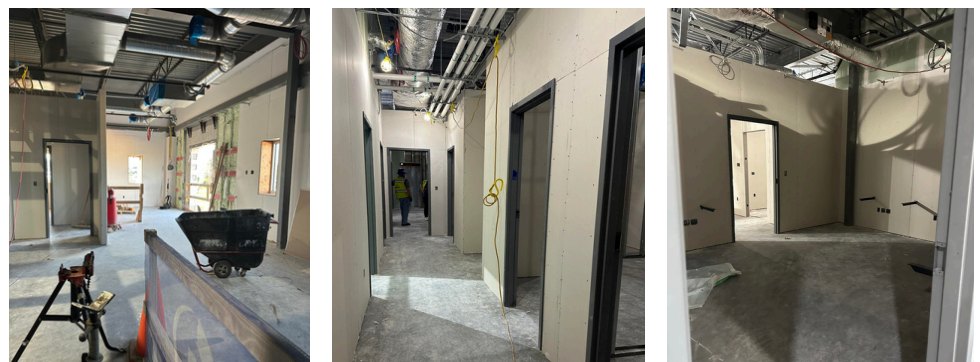
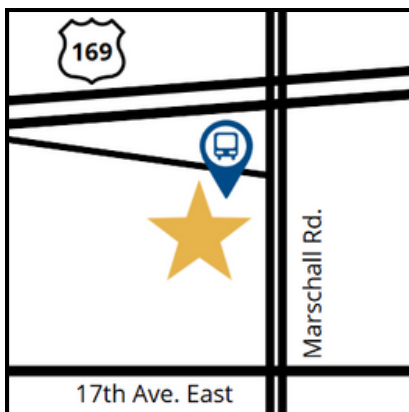
- Diabetes
- National Rural Health Day, November 20



- Influenza
- World AIDS Day December 1



- Cervical Cancer
- Pharmacy Services



Construction progress at the Shakopee building site