OPEN DOOR HEALTH CENTER

NEWS & UPDATES

November 2026

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2026 Giving Season

Our patients, like much of the community, are facing unprecedented barriers to care. The number of people without adequate access to healthcare is increasing. As changes to Medical Assistance roll out in January, many people are facing coverage loss. Your generosity during this giving season helps Open Door meet the increasing demand of uninsured and underinsured individuals and families in our community.

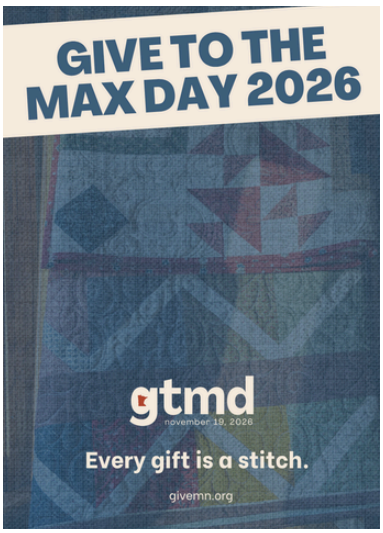


Make a Donation Today! **DONATE**

Give to the Max Day

This year's Give to the Max Day takes place on **Thursday, Nov. 19**! Visit our GiveMN page to donate toward our goal. Your donation enters us in a drawing for the chance to win a prize grant.

GiveMN



A Gift to Open Door is a Gift to Our Community

Open Door has provided medical, dental, and behavioral health services to underserved populations in Southern Minnesota since 1984.

Your donation helps by:

- Providing comprehensive and preventative care for children and adults.
- Assisting in eliminating healthcare inequality in Minnesota.
- Providing culturally and linguistically appropriate care for all people.
- Providing alternatives to costly emergency room visits.
- Educating individuals and families about their health.

Watch for more details about how you can support ODHC in a letter from our board next month!

Questions About Donating?

Call us **(507) 388-2120**, email us, visit our website, or mail a check to the address to the right. After receipt of your gift, we will send you a letter for your records.

Open Door Health Center
309 Holly Lane
Mankato, MN 56001



Staff attending the MNACHC Many Faces Conference



Staff decorating pumpkins!



Staff attending the MNSBHA Summit in October



Old Town Mankato's Día de los Muertos event on Halloween

Autumn Connections

We have made many connections this Autumn! Twelve of our staff members attended the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers' Many Faces Conference at the end of September. This was a full-day conference where staff had the opportunity to learn from professionals around the state on a wide variety of topics related to the healthcare industry. We learned a lot and networked with many community health center professionals.

Pumpkin Decorating

We held our annual staff pumpkin decorating contest. Staff were encouraged to create teams of 3-5 people and were given one hour to decorate their pumpkins. After the decorating, the pumpkins were placed in the waiting rooms for patients to vote for their favorite pumpkin.

Contest Winners!



SBHC Updates

This fall, we opened two School-Based Health Centers in the Mankato Area Public Schools District. Everything has been going great, and we are starting to see an uptick in appointments. Our spring schedule is now up on the website!

Staff members attended the Minnesota School-Based Health Alliance Summit at St. Catherine University. They learned from and engaged with leaders from across the healthcare sector.

Día de los Muertos

We attended Old Town Mankato's Día de los Muertos event on Halloween. Over 10,000 people attend this event each year, and we had a blast connecting with attendees and immersing ourselves in the festivities. We also had the honor of running the first aid tent, and we were happy to provide first aid services to anyone who needed it.

Monthly Health Topics

NOV
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Diabetes
- Lung Cancer
- Men's Health - Movember

DEC
- HIV/AIDS Awareness
- Impaired Driving Prevention
- Seasonal Affective Disorder
- Vision Health

JAN
- Birth Defects Prevention
- Cervical Health
- Glaucoma Awareness
- Thyroid Awareness

Upcoming Community Events

ODHC partners with the **St. Peter Free Clinic** to provide childhood vaccinations and nursing support **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 season (Oct-May).

Staff members from Open Door will be volunteering at Mankato's Kiwanis Holiday Lights on **Thursday, December 17, from 4:30 - 9 pm!**

Open Enrollment Health Insurance Navigation

Open Enrollment started on November 1! Through our free insurance navigation services, we can meet with you by phone or in person to explain your options and assist you in completing your applications. ODHC staff are trained and certified by MNsure to help people understand and enroll in public or private health insurance offered through the state. This vital partnership ensures that Minnesotans who qualify for state-offered programs are able to access them and receive assistance in keeping their insurance up-to-date.

Call us at (507) 388-2120 to speak with one of our insurance navigators.

For more information about the upcoming federal changes to Medicaid and MA, visit the Minnesota DHS website at mn.gov/dhs/federalchanges/.



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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
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Open Door Health Center is a community health center with locations in Mankato and Shakopee. We provide medical, chiropractic, dental, and behavioral health services, as well as human services such as insurance enrollment and on-site resources. We accept all major insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid, and offer a sliding fee scale for uninsured and under-insured individuals and families. Our **mission** is to be a partner in improving the health of all community members, and we **envision** a future where everyone has what they need to live a healthy life.

Mankato

Behavioral, Dental, Medical, Chiropractic

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

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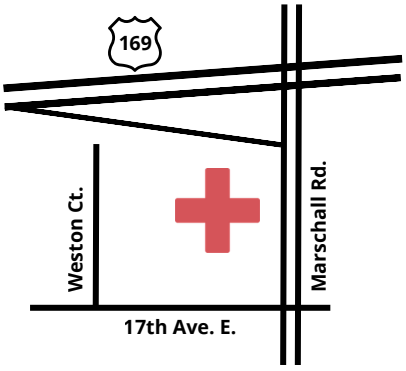
Shakopee

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Open Door Health Center at the SCIHC



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MAPS SBHCs now OPEN!

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