

Open Door Family Medical Centers Joins with Port Chester Fest to Celebrate Health, Local Art, Diversity, Inclusion, Music, and Culture

On Saturday, August 4th Open Door Family Medical Centers will join forces with the Port Chester / Rye Brook / Town of Rye Council of Community Services to combine their annual Health Fair celebrating National Health Center Week with the annual [Port Chester Fest](#) . Utilizing art and music and promoting good health is a powerful and exciting way to celebrate the diversity, culture and wellness of Port Chester as the community joins together in celebration. Port Chester Fest also provides an excellent opportunity to link people with the wide range of community resources that are available. Port Chester Fest will take place from 10am-6pm outside of Open Door on Purdy Street between Church Street and Don Bosco Place. Admission to Port Chester Fest is Free.

While there are countless reasons to celebrate America's Health Centers, like Open Door, among the most important and unique is their long success in providing access to affordable, high quality, cost effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people throughout the United States. This year Open Door will join the Port Chester Fest celebration to provide education and screenings on a variety of health concerns including skin safety, nutrition, body mass index (BMI), blood pressure, HIV, optometry, and reproductive health, from 10am-3pm. In addition the now larger Fest, one of the most widely anticipated local events of the year, will showcase musicians and performers representing many cultures including Brazilian, Jazz, Bolivian, Polish, African, and Mexican. Fun-filled, creative workshops for families will include: the Clay Art Center; Face Painting with Miguel Cossio; Community Art with Tova Snyder; Westchester Children's Museum; Rye Arts Center; ArtsWestchester Workshop; and Printmaking with Nowodworks. In addition, there will be performances by local artists, poets, and musicians and delicious international foods and vendors offering a wide range of tasty treats.

At noon Open Door will present Congresswoman Nita Lowey with a Community Appreciation Award in recognition of her ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of the Port Chester community. The ceremony will be held at the Show Mobile located in the Stop & Shop parking lot along Purdy Avenue.

For more information about Port Chester Fest call 914-939-8055 or visit www.portchesterfest.org.

About Open Door Family Medical Centers

For 40 years, the federally qualified community health center has served a multi-cultural community and has provided top quality medical, dental care and social services to the Westchester community, particularly the economically disadvantaged. Open Door has four centers in Westchester located in Ossining, Port Chester, Mt. Kisco and Sleepy Hollow. In addition, Open Door operates five school-based health centers in Port Chester at The Edison Elementary School, Park Avenue School, Kennedy Magnet School, Port Chester Middle School and Port Chester High School. In 2011, 47,245 patients were treated at Open Door, making 208,622 patient visits. In the same year 14,520 children were treated. Funding for Open Door Family Medical Centers comes from local, state and federal grants as well as private foundations and individuals.

About the Council of Community Services

The Port Chester /Town of Rye Council of Community Services was founded in 1974 by a group of concerned citizens who believed that more community awareness and participation was necessary to meet the needs of all local residents, regardless of race, age, or income. Over the past 36 years, the

Council has grown with the times, building targeted community coalitions to address the needs of the people. Today, the Council has 10 standing coalition committees, each one bringing together an array of community members and agencies in order to promote effective services and community integration. The Council directly promotes our community through a simple strategy “By working together, sharing resources, and moving towards common goals, we can increase the effectiveness of each organization and provide higher quality services to the people.”



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