

Open Door Family Medical Centers Receives \$10K Grant from St. Faith's House Foundation

Open Door Family Medical Centers has received a \$10,000 grant from St. Faith's House Foundation, an independent foundation based in Tarrytown that provides assistance to at-risk children throughout Westchester. The grant money will support Open Door's [4-Our-Children Program](#), which provides mental health counseling and supportive services to children between ages 2-16 identified as at-risk for emotional, behavioral and developmental health problems.

Open Door's 4-Our-Children Program is a preventative mental health initiative that provides routine screenings that help to identify a child's social, emotional and behavioral issues. By beginning screenings as early as age 2, the program aims to positively impact family life and academic performance as well as curtail serious mental health problems that develop later in life, which often stem from untreated childhood difficulties. In addition to clinical treatment programs, families have access to Open Door's support groups, parenting classes, and programs organized in partnership with [Family Ties of Westchester](#). Open Door's 4-Our-Children Program is supported solely by private funding.

About St. Faith's House Foundation

St. Faith's House was founded in New Haven, Connecticut in 1898 by Lena McGhee with the spiritual direction and encouragement of two local Episcopal bishops. The house provided shelter and services to pregnant teens and young mothers. In 1900 Ms. McGhee relocated the program to Tarrytown. In the late 1960's, applications began to fall off, staff salaries had to be increased and the number of the staff for this 24-hour per day facility exceeded the number of girls. After due deliberation by the Board, it was determined to become a private foundation gifting its funds in the fields of service to and for children and young people in Westchester County. The Foundation has been bestowing grants in this manner since 1974.

About Open Door Family Medical Centers

Open Door has received the highest Recognition as a Patient-Centered Medical Home™ (PPC-PCMH™) from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). This ranking distinguishes them from medical practices across the nation as less than 12% are presently eligible to achieve this advanced standing. For 39 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 2010, 43,505 patients were treated at Open Door, making 170,061 patient visits. In the same year 13,842 children were treated. Funding for Open Door Family Medical Centers comes from local, state and federal grants as well as private foundations and individuals.

