

**OPEN DOOR FAMILY MEDICAL CENTERS AMERICORPS/COMMUNITY HEALTHCORPS VOLUNTEERS
SPRUCE UP COMMUNITY PARK IN THE HEART OF OSSINING VILLAGE ON THURSDAY, MAY 19**

- WHAT:** Open Door Family Medical Centers' team of AmeriCorps/Community HealthCorps volunteers will clean up and renovate a piece of Ossining's Croton Aqueduct Trail. With support from the Ossining Parks and Recreation Department and donations from the community, volunteers will spend the day revamping and making major safety improvements to the sprawl of land in the heart of the village. Projects include planting two native Dogwood trees, removing glass pieces from the soil and sowing new grass seed, as well as repairing and painting the park's fence.
- WHO:** Open Door's AmeriCorps/Community HealthCorps Volunteers
Ossining Parks and Recreation Department
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 19
10am-5pm
- WHERE:** The Croton Aqueduct Trail
Between Ann Street and North Malcolm Street in Ossining
- WHY:** Open Door's AmeriCorps/Community HealthCorps volunteers develop and implement a variety of health services and programs for the patients and communities they serve. Whether it's providing vital health information to those who need it most or raising awareness of environmental issues, AmeriCorps' community service initiatives aim to improve and enhance the quality of life of Open Door's patients. A service project organized in recognition of National AmeriCorps Week (May 14-21), renovating this park will give Ossining residents of all ages a safe outdoor space to relax and play as the summer months approach.

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. Over 13,842 children were treated during that same year. Funding for Open Door Family Medical Centers comes from local, state and federal grants as well as private foundations and individuals.