

Open Door Family Medical Centers Receives Grant from Sole Ryeders & Friends

Open Door Family Medical Centers has received a \$20,000 grant from [Sole Ryeders & Friends](#), a volunteer organization based in Westchester County that supports health and wellness through a number of outreach programs. The grant to Open Door is the result of fundraising efforts of the Sole Ryeders' team who participated in the 39 mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. The money will support Open Door's Breast Health, Education, Outreach and Case Management Program, specifically the Patient Advocates who are an integral part of the program.

Open Door's [Breast Health Education, Outreach and Case Management Program](#) encompasses culturally and linguistically appropriate support services that facilitate access to education, screening, diagnosis, and treatment for low-income, uninsured or underinsured, women of Westchester County who call Open Door their Medical Home.

Through the Breast Health Education, Outreach and Case Management Program in 2011-2012, Open Door hopes to serve 6,000 women ages 21 to 65 with outreach, education and annual clinical breast exams, and 3,000 women over age 40 with outreach, education, clinical breast exams and patient assistance services for mammograms. The grant money from the Sole Ryeders will support Patient Advocates at Open Door's four Westchester County sites. Patient Advocates help patients work with doctors, case managers, insurance companies, and others who have an effect on the patients' health. Open Door's Patient Advocate Program has become a national model for care as health centers around the country have asked for assistance in replicating their program.

About Sole Ryeders & Friends

Founded in 2007, Sole Ryeders & Friends is a volunteer-driven organization based in Westchester County, New York which supports health and wellness by:

- Fundraising and awarding grants through partnerships with local cancer-related, health and wellness programs;
- Promoting health awareness and prevention through educational presentations and sharing current health-related information; and
- Providing resources and emotional support for community members faced with serious illness.

The community benefits from these efforts through increased access to health & wellness programs and an extensive network of people committed to improving and saving lives.

The name 'Sole Ryeders' stems from the group's founding members (who are residents of Rye, New York) and from their annual participation in the 39 mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. The group, which has included over 150 passionate and dedicated individuals since its inception, has raised more than \$750,000.

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.



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