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CAROLYN DOWNS
FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER



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COUNTRY DOCTOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

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Dear ##Name##,

Every day, the work I do gives me hope.

I see it in the eyes of my patients — people who overcome daunting obstacles to receive the care they need to thrive. Some are homeless or battling addiction. Others are starting a new chapter in life after incarceration or recovering from abuse. Some are searching for respect regardless of their gender identity or immigration status.

The one thing all my patients have in common is that they feel safe, welcome, and respected. No matter they're going through, they know they'll be accepted here with warmth, compassion, and dignity. They know they'll receive the care they need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Many of my patients have been coming to me for years — patients like Richard Johnson, who courageously shared his story earlier this year in our 2019 Gratitude Report to you: the generous donors, foundations, and community partners who support Country Doctor Community Health Centers.

It's been an absolute joy to see the many strides Richard has made since 2008, when he first came in to see me. He'd experienced a lot of trauma in his life. Raised by a single mom who struggled with addiction, he lived on and off the streets in his youth. After overcoming his own battles with substance abuse, he worked hard to get healthy, stay healthy, and give his own daughter opportunities that he never had growing up.



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Richard has grappled with asthma and a host of chronic health issues his whole life. It causes him a great deal of physical and emotional pain. Sometimes, bouts of depression make it hard for him to get the care he needs. So you can imagine how happy it makes me to see him after it's been a while, and to see the quiet pride in his eyes when he tells me things like, "Hey, I'm riding my bike to work now, and I've lost a little weight. I feel better."

For most of his life, Richard didn't have access to dental care. As a result, several of his teeth have rotted and fallen out. But since we opened our new dental clinic, he's come in regularly for cleanings and to get cavities filled. It's given him a brighter smile that beams confidence — and hope for more and more many strides toward a healthier future.

As a nonprofit community health centers, we rely on the support of people like you to provide our patients with the highest-quality care they need. Care they deserve — care that ***everyone*** deserves.

**Please join us and give more people like Richard the high-quality
medical and dental care they need to thrive by making a year-end gift
to Country Doctor Community Health Centers.**

Your gift today of ##\$AMOUNT## or more will help:

- Ensure that more people in our community receive comprehensive care in a compassionate atmosphere of dignity and respect.
- Advance the work we do to respond to emerging needs with innovative approaches.
- Make our vision of a healthier, more just community a reality.

Thank you,

[Katie's signature]

Katie Hester

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P.S. Please make your tax-deductible year-end gift today. You can mail us a check in the enclosed envelope or donate online at www.countrydoctor.org.

