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The Earl A. Wheaton Jr, M.D. Family Care Center

Background

The Valley Hospital has outpatient healthcare services available for those who cannot afford private medical care and/or have limited or no medical insurance. The Earl A. Wheaton Jr, M.D. Family Care Center (FCC), previously known as The Valley Hospital Family Care Center, is now located at 223 North Van Dien Ave in Ridgewood.

The FCC offers outpatient primary care, internal medicine, prenatal care, post-partum care, pediatric services, and specialist services, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. The center also provides a professional interpretation system in many different languages for individuals who do not speak English. In addition, the FCC also provides services to patients who are displaced due to war in their own countries.

In 2024, Community Care had 6,678 visits, treating approximately 1228 patients. The center accepts Medicaid, NJ Hospital Care Payment Assistance Program (Charity Care Assistance), and Medicare with Charity Care.

Request

The Valley Hospital Foundation respectfully requests funding consideration for a variety of the FCC's programs to support significant health issues identified in Valley's Community Health Needs Assessment, such as a hypertension education program to support patients in managing their blood pressure monitoring as well as literacy education for pediatric patients, many of whom experience deficits in reading literacy and for whom the FCC is their first exposure to books.