



IAFCC reaches goal of \$100,000 for Rapid Response Fund for COVID Relief

May 15, 2020 – Through the generosity of The VNA Foundation, Blowitz Ridgeway, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois and an Anonymous donor, the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics has met our goal of \$100,000 for the IAFCC Rapid Response Fund for COVID-19 Relief.

IAFCC will award money from this fund to 17 member clinics across Illinois to maintain operations, support their costs related to COVID-19, and offset operational expenses that would have been funded through cancelled fundraisers this Spring.

“Even in this hectic time when demand for funding is so high, free clinics must be acknowledged as frontlines, critical resources deserving of timely support,” said Robert N. DiLeonardi, Executive Director of the VNA Foundation. “We were delighted to provide lead funding for the IAFCC Emergency Fund.”

“We know COVID-19 is challenging the resources that allow local organizations to provide a safety net for people most in need,” said Steve Hamman, president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois. “While we continue to help ensure our members have access to the care and coverage they need, these grants allow us to broaden our impact and make a difference in the lives of so many.”

About Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics

[Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics](#) (IAFCC) was formed to help strengthen and grow Illinois’ free and charitable clinics – without whom over 100,000 patients would otherwise have no access to quality healthcare. The IAFCC helps free and charitable clinics move effectively into the future; connects patients with clinics; and helps many stakeholder organizations that wish to work with or help clinics.



Rapid Response Fund Award Recipients

Azzarelli Outreach Clinic

Bolingbrook Christian Health Center

Champaign County Christian Health Center

Community Health Care Clinic

CommunityHealth

Chicago Women's Health Center

DuPage Health Coalition and Access DuPage

Fenix Family Healthcare Clinic

Family Health Partnership Clinic

Indian American Medical Association Charitable Foundation Free Health Clinic

Mission Possible

Norwegian American Hospital Mobile Care-A-Van

Old Irving Park Community Clinic

The ARK

The Night Ministry

Tri City Health Partnership

Will-Grundy Medical Clinic