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HUDA Clinic seeks donations for #GivingTuesday

DETROIT (November 30, 2020) – HUDA Clinic, a free healthcare clinic that serves the uninsured and underinsured adult population of Detroit, is participating in Giving Tuesday and accepting end-of-year donations. The annual global donation day takes place on December 1.

Launched in 2004, HUDA Clinic provides the most comprehensive healthcare services of any free health clinic in metro-Detroit. It offers patients primary care, dental, vision, mental health, specialty care, and prescription medicines free of charge with no co-pays or costs billed to Medicare or Medicaid.

“We believe that basic healthcare is a right, and we hope that anyone who finds themselves without care can come to HUDA Clinic for help,” says HUDA Clinic board chair Jukaku Tayeb, M.D.

Operating out of rented space at the Muslim Center of Detroit on Davison Avenue, the HUDA Clinic initially provided primary care to patients one day a week with one physician on-site and 15 volunteer physicians on call. By 2012, the clinic was outgrowing its space, so clinic organizers purchased and renovated a former church building on Woodrow Wilson St. to serve as its new location. The new, larger facility includes three patient examination rooms, a dentist’s room with two dental chairs and an X-ray machine, one ophthalmology room, a conference room, and medical records and storage space.

The passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010 did not eliminate the need for the HUDA Clinic. Instead, its patients’ status changed from uninsured to underinsured due to the high cost of insurance premiums, deductibles, and co-pays.

“Insurance serves as a catastrophic option, rather than a preventive one,” says HUDA board member Ghufraan Akram. “Although we are enrolling patients into insurance programs, we continue to care for those patients who cannot afford to see their primary care physician or fall through the cracks due to immigration status, employment, or other reasons.”

Today, the HUDA Clinic operates four days a week and has more than 60 professional volunteers on its roster, including physicians, physician assistants, dentists, ophthalmologists, oncologists, and podiatrists. At present, the clinic offers care to an average of 275 patients each month. In 2019, it had more than 3,300 patient visits and distributed nearly \$500,000 in free prescription medications.

HUDA Clinic is an independent, nonprofit charitable organization that serves people of all faiths and backgrounds. All services, including tests, lab work, and prescription medicines, are provided free with no co-pays.

Donations can be made to the clinic at www.HUDAclinic.org/donate and are tax-deductible as permitted by law. For more information about the HUDA Clinic, visit us online at www.HUDAclinic.org.

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