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Free medical clinic opens its doors

CANYON COUNTY — A new nonprofit, faith-based medical clinic has been organized to give free medical aid to Canyon County residents in need.

The Canyon County Community Clinic was recently awarded its 501c3 status and is actively seeking support.

“We’re telling our story and inviting people to join us in making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in Canyon County,” Canyon Clinic board member and medical director Dr. John Pearce said. “As we start the organization building process, we’re looking for friends. We are asking people to join us, pray for us and volunteer their time and resources.”

The clinic will rely on volunteer physicians to provide services at a centrally located facility. Clinic organizers also anticipate offering mobile clinic services for outlying Canyon County communities in the near future.

Volunteer physicians will provide care for acute non-emergent illnesses, limited chronic care, limited medications as available, referrals for X-rays and laboratory tests and referrals to specialists. The clinic anticipates providing services to the following:

- Those working without insurance coverage
- Those with seasonal or low paying jobs
- Those who work part time
- Working single parent families without insurance
- Those who are unemployed | Those attempting to become self-sufficient while leaving public assistance |
- Those who are homeless or residing in shelters.

“Our goal is to be seeing patients by Jan. 1, 2010,” Pearce said. “Our call to action right now is for people to catch the vision and get involved.”