

Programs helps insure the uninsured

To the Editor:

In response to the opinions on Nov. 4, having a comprehensive medical home has been identified as a successful way to keep people out of the hospitals' emergency rooms for non-emergency care. In 2001, a group of compassionate physicians and other concerned individuals recognized primary care as an essential need of working, uninsured individuals.

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The result? Faith Family Medical Care. Faith Family is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit that was started to help people who are trying to help themselves, but cannot afford or cannot qualify for health insurance. The patients pay an affordable rate based on their income and the rest of the funds come from donations.

People without health insurance often tend to skip primary care altogether. As a result, they often find themselves with medical conditions that are more serious, more complicated and more expensive than they might have been.

By bridging the gap for these individuals, Faith Family enables them to seek treatment in the earlier stages of their illnesses. Another benefit that Faith Family can offer is continuity of care. The patients are able to enter into a relationship with a medical provider who they will see each time they come to the clinic.

Thanks to our generous donors, Faith Family Medical Clinic is making a difference in Nashville. Since our inception, we have registered over 18,000 patients and have provided care during approximately 87,000 patient visits.

Please spread the word and contact me if you would like more information.

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