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Dear Friend of St. Vincent de Paul and RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul:

I'm contacting you today to deeply and profoundly thank you for **your financial and volunteer support** of the clinic. Without **your support**, the low-income, uninsured patients we serve would have no place to turn for medical care. Your generosity gives the gift of health and life! At St. Vincent de Paul, we believe that every person deserves access to *basic human needs*.

You are part of the team that makes providing care to uninsured patients like Roberto possible:

"I'm so grateful to the Pittsburg Free Clinic! I was recently homeless, and was robbed and lost all my medications. The Pittsburg Clinic got me back on track and I'm feeling stronger and ready to face my challenges. I'm so happy the Pittsburg Clinic is here for people like me!" As Roberto left he was all smiles and very thankful, and a new patient observing him said, "Wow! Everyone here is so caring and your patients are so happy!"

Today, I have exciting news to share about the Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic! The RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul has been selected to become the primary license holder for all of RotaCare Bay Area's 12 free clinics, and the clinic and our patients need **your support** to make this happen!

In early 2016, preparations began for our clinic to expand operations and hours, and to become RotaCare Bay Area's primary license holder. The clinic will increase operations from 6 hrs/week to 30 hrs/week! In order to prepare the State license application for expansion, the Clinic Care Coordinator's hours were increased to assist with all activities required to complete the expansion application. The review and approval process by the State of California has taken much longer than expected, and as a result, St. Vincent de Paul has been solely funding this unanticipated additional expense, (over \$30,000). Once the clinic license is approved, our partner – RotaCare Bay Area, will assist us in fundraising for the clinic.

The target date for the clinic's expansion is slated for May 1, 2017.

Please consider making a donation to help the clinic meet this increase in expenses, and changing the lives of neighbors like Roberto! **Your support** is genuinely and enthusiastically appreciated!

Sincere thanks,

Melanie Anguay

Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County

P.S. Please enclose your tax-deductible donation in the envelope provided. Payable to: St. Vincent de Paul, (with "FREE CLINIC"), in the memo area of the check, or make a secure on-line donation at www.svdp-cc.org, and select the Free Clinic Program!