

focusing on community

# Lovejoy Health Center – Albion

## National Health Center Week • August 8-14

by Susan Varney

The Lovejoy Health Center, in the heart of Albion, opened in 1978 to serve the surrounding communities of Albion, China, Thorndike, Unity, Benton, Fairfield, Vassalboro, Palermo, Freedom, Troy. People from as far away as Augusta come to Lovejoy.

More and more Americans are turning to health centers for medical care as more and more people find themselves uninsured. Community health centers provide a safety net, bringing doctors and health services into underserved communities. Patients are treated regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

Stephen Walsh, President & CEO of HealthReach Community Health Centers (HRCHC) said, "Lovejoy Health Center has been a special place because of the practitioners like Dr. Paul Foreman, and Dr. Forrest West who have been here for 25 years."

Lovejoy Health Center, located at the corner of School Street and Rt. 137 has expanded three times and now has 20 employees serving 5,100 patients – with 18-19,000 office visits each year. "Lovejoy is one of the larger health centers in the system," said Walsh.

The expanded building is light, cheerful, and the reception area is filled with windows.

Dr. Paul Foreman, who was a National Health Service Corp. scholar with a mandate to serve in a rural community, came to Albion as part of his training and stayed.

Foreman said he would "rather provide health care than take care of the business end," (billing, hiring, firing, training, government regulations and paperwork) likes working with HealthReach.

"There are really three organizations at



Dr. Paul Foreman, Albion, Lovejoy Health Center with Esther Winship, Unity.

work here," Foreman said. There is the staff, the Board of Directors, and HealthReach. Each has a separate and important task in keeping everything at the health center running smoothly.

The staff of 20 takes care of providing health care.

The Board did fundraising in the beginning

when they were Kennebec Valley Regional Health Agency. Now Lovejoy is a HealthReach Community Health Center and the Board takes care of "housekeeping" such as repairs and maintenance, grounds, landscaping, lawn care, upkeep on the physical



Janie Fix, RN and Jeanne Alley, LPN at Lovejoy Health Center, Albion.

### Some others at HealthReach



Dr. Forrest West, Clinical Medical Director



Lois Bouchard, Practice Manager.



Steve Walsh, President & CEO of HCHC.

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The third partner is HealthReach with eleven federally qualified, community-based health centers and one dental center located in Central and Western Maine. HRCHC is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations. FMI: LHC 437-9388 or [www.HealthReachCHC.org](http://www.HealthReachCHC.org) to find one of the other eleven community health centers in Maine.

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Reception area at Lovejoy Health Center, Albion from left to right are Mellissa Murray, Shirley Clark, Sallyann Dudley-Knights.



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