

HealthReach Community Health Centers



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Madison Area Health Center Receives \$10,000 from Skowhegan Savings Donation to Help Fund Generator Back-Up for Health Center's Electronic Medical Records

MADISON - Skowhegan Savings Charitable Foundation today announced it has donated \$10,000 to Madison Area Health Center. The funds will be used to help fund the purchase and installation of a generator to back-up patient Electronic Medical Records (EMR). The generator will assure the ability to offer uninterrupted healthcare in the event of a power emergency.



Jack Ducharme, AVP Regional Branch Manager and Dan Tilton, SVP of Sales and Customer Service, were on hand at the health center to present a check to Connie Coggins, President and CEO of HealthReach Community Health Centers and Colleen Cyr, Practice Manager at the health center.

"For 39 years, Madison Area Health Center has provided primary care services to families in Madison and surrounding towns," said Connie Coggins, President and CEO of HealthReach Community Health Centers. "We are pleased that Skowhegan Savings Charitable Foundation has supported our efforts toward providing uninterrupted service to our patients."

"As a Madison resident and long time user of the Health Center, I understand the center's importance to the community and am grateful for all that they do to help folks in our community," said Ducharme, AVP Regional Branch Manager.

HealthReach Community Health Centers began implementing an EMR system across their network of eleven practices, including Madison, in July 2007. The advantage of EMR is improved care for health center patients. EMR technology gives medical providers better access to patient data and charts. Patients are able to connect with their medical team

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and access their personal healthcare information through a secure portal. The EMR system electronically prescribes medications directly to pharmacies, and includes new care management tools such as patient educational materials and the ability to create graphs and charts to track and analyze data. EMR improves the ability to increase patient participation in chronic disease self-management, as well as in routine care. All of these benefits add up to more efficient, improved care for patients.

Skowhegan Savings' Charitable Foundation makes donations to both large and small local non-profit charitable organizations with a focus on financial literacy, economic and community development initiatives that promote job creation, business retention, business growth, and community enhancement.

Madison Area Health Center is part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a group of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality medical and behavioral health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents as well as assistance with applications for programs that help with the cost of health care and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit with a 41-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

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Photo caption: (*l-r*) Colleen Cyr, Practice Manager, Jack Ducharme, AVP Regional Branch Manager, Connie Coggins, President and CEO of HealthReach Community Health Centers and Dan Tilton, SVP of Sales and Customer Service