

Students Reach Out to Make Sure UR Well

Case for Action:

- More than one quarter of the people living in the City of Rochester live in poverty, including more than 37% of Rochester's children
- A significant number of people living below the poverty line are uninsured and underserved, including children, families and the elderly

Description:

- Since 2004, UR Well provides low cost, high quality preventive and health maintenance services as well as referrals to local specialists
- Located at the inner city St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, medical students and physicians provide free services to uninsured and underinsured families and individuals who might otherwise have limited access to care
- The student-run center operates one evening per week with students and University faculty staffing, allowing the Center to extend its hours of operation and serve more individuals
- In keeping with the St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center policy, patients are encouraged to make a \$5 donation and there is a discount program in place with a nearby pharmacy

Partners/Funding:

- School of Medicine and Dentistry
- St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center health
- Students of Rochester Outreach Program (established in 1987)
- Association of American Medical Colleges and the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative
- The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Outcomes:

- Dozens of physicians and medical students have volunteered at the clinic center, helping to increase access to care and reduce emergency department visits to local hospitals

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