

Inspired by Compassion, Built by Love, Sustained by Kindness

Upon walking into The People's Clinic on West First Street in Morehead, clients are warmly greeted by volunteers who donate their time to keep the doors open. These volunteers are "hometown heroes" who are doing their part to make Rowan County a healthier and happier place to live.



The People's Clinic recently won the 2008 "Excellence in Civic Engagement Award" for a community organization. The People's Clinic received a framed certificate and a \$100 honorarium for their outstanding achievements. This recognition program was co-sponsored by the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of

Commerce and the Center for Regional Engagement at Morehead State University.

The People's Clinic recently celebrated their third anniversary. The facility has been in full operation since August of 2005. Their mission is to provide health care to the uninsured. Dr. Enawgaw Mehari, a neurologist at The Morehead Clinic, founded The People's Clinic. Diabetes, thyroid conditions, and cancer are just a few of the illnesses The People's Clinic has discovered and treated at no cost to their patients.

"This clinic is unlike other clinics," said Sarah Jane Howard, manager of the clinic. "We have a surgeon, a psychiatrist, internal medicine, family practice, gynecology, neurology, a physical therapist and a nurse practitioner. We are a free clinic with specialists—and that's not normal."

The People's Clinic treats those who are 18-62 years of age with an income at 200% of poverty. Volunteers meet with patients to determine if they qualify for services. Approximately eight out of 10 of their patients are from working families. Services are provided each week on Tuesday.



“The People's Clinic has given people a chance to be seen medically when they feel they have nowhere to go,” says Howard.

The website for The People's Clinic is at www.peoplepeople.org/projects.php?P=37 or call Manager Sarah Jane Howard for more information at 780-0140.