

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

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Serving the Uninsured and Underinsured of Central Vermont*

January 14, 2009

Valerie Capels, Town Administrator
9 Bridge Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Dear Valerie,

On behalf of our staff, volunteers and patients, I thank the community members of the Town of Waitsfield for approving continued support for the People's Health & Wellness Clinic at the 2008 March Town Meeting.

Please consider this letter our request of the Town of Waitsfield to place the People's Health & Wellness Clinic on the 2009 Town meeting agenda for funding in the amount of \$ 100.00, the same amount we have requested for a number of years.

The following may be placed in the Town Report:

The Mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services. Patients must have household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

In calendar year 2008, we provided a total of 1,329 visits to 587 central Vermont residents. Waitsfield residents visited our Clinic 20 times (representing 10 unduplicated individuals).

We assist with lab referrals and diagnostic testing costs, provide free pharmaceuticals, and assist with enrollment in health programs such as VHAP, Catamount Health Care, Ladies First, prescription drug assistance programs, and smoking cessation and diabetes education classes. Over 60 volunteers of both traditional and alternative medicine provided their clinical services free of charge.

The Clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. plus evening clinics Mondays and Thursdays. Patient hours vary and are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call 479-1229.

Thank you for continuing to support the efforts of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Youngbaer,
Director