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BD, Heart to Heart International, NAFC and Henry Schein Cares Award Critical Lab Equipment to Six U.S. Free and Charitable Clinics

Public-Private Partnership Supporting Diagnostic Testing in Vulnerable Communities has Provided \$2.6 Million to U.S. Clinics Since 2017 to Help Improve Patient Outcomes and Health Equity

FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J., Sept. 29, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX), a leading global medical technology company, in conjunction with Heart to Heart International (HHI), the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) and Henry Schein Cares, today announced that six U.S. free and charitable clinics will be awarded product-based grants worth a total of \$360,000 to support point-of-care diagnostic testing in communities with underserved and at-risk patient populations.



The **BD Point-of-Care, Enhancing Clinical Effectiveness** (PoCECE) initiative will provide the clinics with laboratory equipment to evaluate patients and receive diagnostic test results while still onsite. The initiative focuses on diagnosing the most common health issues faced by vulnerable patients in underserved populations, including high cholesterol, diabetes, urinary tract infections, kidney disease, blood clotting disorders, liver disease, strep A, HIV, hepatitis C, flu A & B, RSV and pregnancy tests.

Recipients of the 2022 PoCECE grant are:

- Agape Medical Clinic, Inc. - Weatherford, Oklahoma
- Esperanza Center - Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. - Baltimore, Maryland
- La Clinica Gratis of Community Initiatives, Inc - Greenwood, South Carolina
- Viola Startzman Clinic - Wooster, Ohio
- Premier Mobile Health Services - Fort Meyers, Florida
- The Free Clinics - Hendersonville, North Carolina

The grants include a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA)-waived point-of-care test system consisting of instruments and tests, as well as clinician training and technical support provided by BD employee volunteers to help ensure proper setup and use of equipment.

The PoCECE initiative launched in 2017 and has supported 27 U.S. clinics in 20 states with product and cash donations totaling \$2.6 million. With this year's grant, more than 16,500 patient visits are expected to be positively impacted through enhanced diagnostic capabilities.

"This program and partnership with BD, NAFC and Henry Schein fit wholly within Heart to Heart International's mission to improve health access for people in need across the United States," says Kim Carroll, HHI CEO. "By utilizing this laboratory technology, clinics can deliver timely lab results and are ultimately able to positively impact the diagnoses and health care for thousands of people in underserved communities throughout the country."

Ellen Rafferty, senior manager of Social Investing at BD said, "The recipients of this year's grant are actively working to advance the health of their communities – most notably for those patients facing health and social challenges that may not otherwise have reliable access to health care services. This partnership with HHI, NAFC and Henry Schein helps further BD's commitment to advancing access to quality, equitable health care, and continues to be an essential means of providing funding and resources to these hard-working clinics."

Nicole Lamoureux, NAFC president and CEO added, "The NAFC is grateful that through the continuation of this important program and support from BD, HHI and Henry Schein more free and charitable clinics will be able to increase access to care as they continue addressing health disparities facing their communities. About 2 million medically underserved people receive health care at the 1,400 Free and Charitable Clinics throughout the country, and a large percentage of those patients are dealing with chronic diseases that require laboratory testing for diagnosis and monitoring. This program allows grantees to address social determinants of health that are barriers to care for their patients by enhancing their onsite capabilities and, in turn, improving health outcomes."

"Integrated models of care, especially within and among primary care providers, is key to a better future of health care," said David Kochman, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Henry Schein. "We believe simple, inexpensive, and broad testing with timely results are a key asset to delivering on this promise. With deep knowledge of the diagnostics space, we understand the value that point of care lab equipment delivers to meet the needs of patients in our country, and we are pleased to join with BD, HHI, and NAFC to support participating clinics."

The **BD Point-of-Care, Enhancing Clinical Effectiveness** initiative is funded by BD and implemented by HHI in conjunction with the NAFC and Henry Schein. For more information about the 2022 winners of BD Point-of-Care, Enhancing Clinical Effectiveness grant, visit [Heart to Heart International](#).

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About the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics

National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) is the only nonprofit 501c (3) organization whose mission is solely focused on the issues and needs of the medically underserved throughout the nation and the more than 1,400 Free and Charitable Clinics that serve them. The NAFC has earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar and a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Founded in 2001 and headquartered near Washington, D.C., the NAFC is working to ensure that the medically underserved have access to affordable quality health care and strives to be a national voice promoting quality health care for all. For more information about the NAFC, please visit www.nafcclinics.org.

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