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Dear Friend,

I heard it again.

I heard one of our patients say, “I’m so thankful for y’all . . . I don’t know what I would do without you.”

This woman, whom I’ll call Amber, had just seen one of our physicians for the first time. With the help of our medical staff, she’s learning to manage her diabetes. Just minutes before she shared her words of gratitude, Amber had been told the cost of her visit and the labwork the physician had ordered.

She had shuffled from foot to foot and lowered her eyes in embarrassment as she replied, “Oh, I only brought enough to cover the office visit. I don’t have the money for the labs, but I get paid next week.”

I wish you could have seen the relief wash over her face when one of our volunteers assured her that she could pay the remaining balance at her next visit, which she did.

This is one example of many that remind me of the daily stressors that the Medical Care Mission’s patients face . . . weighing the choice between buying gas or food . . . of paying rent or buying school supplies . . . of paying the electric bill or the phone bill . . .

I don’t have to tell you that these situations are heartbreaking. I’m sure you are feeling the economic pinch yourself as the costs of gas and food and life in general chip away at our level of comfort, of security even.

What I do want to tell you is that your continued support of the Medical Care Mission is allowing our physicians, nurses, dentists, and dental assistants to treat more patients than ever. Single parents . . . hard-working hourly wage-earners . . . refugees — 50 medical and 20 dental patients a day — rely on you, and that’s not an exaggeration.

That’s why I wanted to share with you Amber’s words of thanks. She’s one of many patients who express such gratitude every day. And even though they don’t know you personally, I know that our patients’ thankfulness really goes to you.

I know, and I tell our patients, that caring people just like you make it possible for the

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Mission to offer access to quality health care to the uninsured, regardless of income level, regardless even of ability to pay.

I'm writing to thank you for your faithful support and to let you know that the need in the 22-county area that the Mission serves continues to increase. Now, more than ever, our patients need your help.

Could you send a gift today to help cover the cost of providing care to our patients?

A gift from you today would ensure that people like Amber receive the care that they need, even in these difficult economic times. Thank you for doing what you can to help.

Sincerely,



J. Scott Golding
Executive Director

P.S. Please use the reply form to make sure that we have your current mailing address and e-mail address, and check out our Web site, www.medicalcaremission.org. Thank you again for all you do to assist those in need.

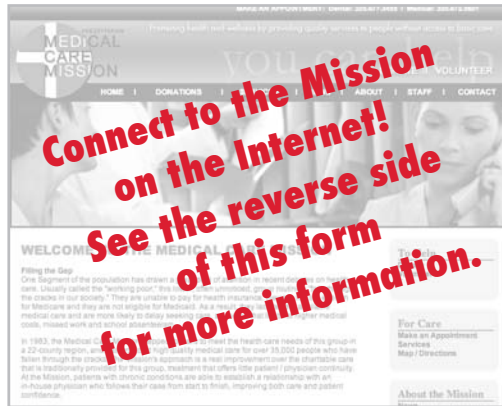
Scott, enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ to help ensure that the Mission's patients continue to have access to quality health care they can afford.

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- I prefer to receive printed materials only.
- I prefer to receive both e-mailed and printed materials.

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