

Dear Friend,

For 50 years, thanks to people like you, the community has turned to Community Health Programs (CHP) as a trusted source of medical care, compassion, and support for families across Berkshire County.

Today, however, what we stand for is being challenged in ways we can't ignore.

With big changes to Medicaid funding expected between now and 2027, **thousands of your neighbors could face devastating gaps in care** as more than 40% of CHP patients rely on Medicaid for the care they need and deserve. As a result, we anticipate a dramatic increase in the number of families who will turn to our discounted fee program – a vital safety net that ensures no one is turned away. Preparing to bridge the gap in revenue that comes from offering heavily discounted fees for care must start now.

This program isn't "nice-to-have." It's essential.

We created the discounted fee program to uphold our deepest commitment: that everyone in our community should have access to the care they deserve, no matter their income, insurance status, or ability to pay. But we cannot sustain this commitment without you.

As someone who shares our belief in health care as a human right, your support can help strengthen this safety net. Your gift today helps us bridge the widening gap between what families need and what the federal system provides. Thank you for helping us stand by our patients, your neighbors, through whatever lies ahead.

With gratitude,

Bethany Kieley, CEO

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P.S. Right now, your gift can go twice as far!

Thanks to the generosity of a local donor, every dollar given by midnight on November 23 will be matched. Don't miss this chance to double your impact.