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Mary Washington Hospital Foundation Awards Grant to the Rx Partnership

FREDERICKSBURG, VA (Thursday, January 19, 2012) – The Mary Washington Hospital Foundation recently announced that it has provided a grant of \$17,100 to Rx Partnership in Richmond, Virginia. This grant will be used to support increased access to medications for medically underserved patients of Moss Free Clinic in Fredericksburg.

The Rx Partnership (RxP) is an organization that works to provide low-income, uninsured Virginians with access to medication by partnering with 22 community-based free clinics and health centers to distribute free bulk prescription medications from six pharmaceutical company partners. RxP's unique bulk replacement method results in a streamlined, efficient and cost-effective process which delivers more drugs to a greater number of patients in need. More than \$60 million in free medication has been provided to over 37,000 low-income, uninsured Virginians since the program began delivering medications in 2004.

“This support is especially critical at a time when the free clinics and community health centers are seeing huge increases in the number of patients who need services, yet are facing potential budget cuts of up to 50 percent in 2014 under the current proposed state budget” said Amy Yarcich, Executive Director of Rx Partnership.

“One of the most significant benefits for patients of the Moss Free Clinic is our ability to offer free medicine on site,” said Karen Dulaney, executive director of the Moss Free Clinic. “Without the medication assistance from Rx Partnership our 1,938 patients would have difficulty obtaining the more than 59,000 prescriptions provided at the clinic and valued at over \$12.5 million since 2004. The partnership between Rx Partnership and the Mary Washington Hospital Foundation ensures that underserved patients in our community and across Virginia will continue to have access to medications that impact the most basic human needs of health and well-being.”

The Mary Washington Hospital (MWH) Community Service Fund was established in 1993 by the Hospital's Board of Directors as an innovative and visionary way to address a wide range of health-related issues. It is an enduring endowment of the Mary Washington Hospital Foundation that partners

with a variety of programs to serve a wide segment of the population – from newborns to senior citizens.

RxP relies on the generous support of the Virginia General Assembly, a variety of foundations and the participation of six pharmaceutical manufacturers; GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co., Novartis, Abbott, Alcon and AstraZeneca. Thanks to these partners, 115 medications treating a variety of chronic and acute conditions, including asthma, diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol, are available to Virginia's eligible uninsured.

Operated by the Fredericksburg Area Regional Health Council, the Moss Free Clinic provides primary health care to those who are unable to pay for private medical care. MFC offers a variety of medical and dental services for uninsured residents of Fredericksburg, Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford with a household income of less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic is an accredited member of the [Virginia Association of Free Clinics](#).

For more information about the valuable services provided by Moss Free Clinic contact Stacy Pierce, Development Director stacy@mossfreeclinic.org. To learn more about Rx Partnership visit www.rxpartnership.org or call (804) 377-1057.

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