



# OPEN M

A Ministry of Faith, Health and Hope



Greetings,

We invite you to partner with OPEN M in furtherance of our mission to care for the sick and strengthen the community. Please consider joining the Donovan family in supporting the *Harry and Fran Donovan Dental Clinic* expansion.

The OPEN M Medical Clinic began providing comprehensive dental care to our patients in 2005. Dental care is one of the biggest unmet health needs in Summit County and is the most sought after specialty in our clinic. We broke ground January 2020 to expand our dental clinic with two additional dental-only exam rooms. The renovations still to come include furnishing all dental exam rooms with dental chairs, equipment, and supplies.

The need for free dental care is great in our community:\*

- In the city of Akron, 25.4% of all individuals live in poverty, including 35% of all children.
- In OPEN M's neighborhood, 53.5% of individuals live in poverty, including 72% of all children.
- 30.3% of OPEN M's neighbors live on less than \$10,000 per year.
- Poor oral health increases your risk of developing serious and common health problems such as cardiovascular disease, respiratory infections, and cancer.

*\*2003-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

***Our budget to finish construction and maintain operations for one year is \$100,000. We have raised \$60,000 leaving us with a need of \$40,000. Your support directly benefits the expansion of the Harry and Fran Donovan Dental Clinic and allows us to double the amount of patients we serve.***

Investing in our *Harry and Fran Donovan Dental Clinic* will allow us to carry out our mission and positively impact our community. Please see the accompanying form regarding dental clinic donations and permanent recognition in our facility.

OPEN M is grateful for your generosity to the community and comes to you mindful of the role you play in this work. Please feel free to contact me or Jess Rist, Development Manager, should you have any questions regarding this initiative.

In service,

Patricia Wicks, Interim CEO

Jess Rist, Development Manager