

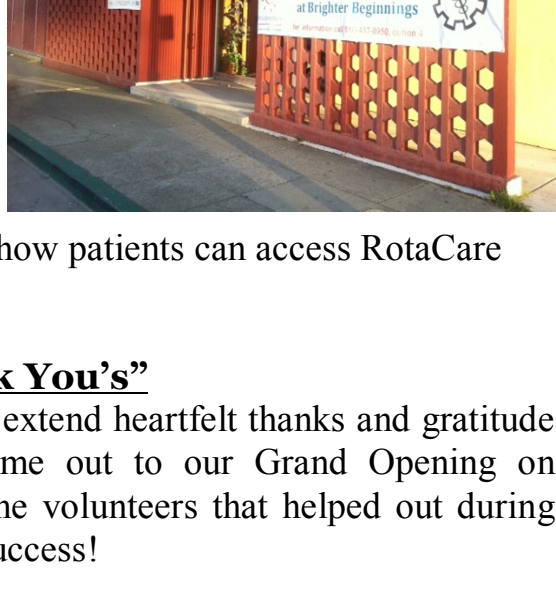


## RotaCare Richmond Free Medical Clinic at Brighter Beginnings

March 8, 2013

### Hello!

We have some wonderful news to finally share with you all; the RotaCare Richmond Free Medical Clinic at Brighter Beginnings is **officially licensed!** We received approval to lawfully begin seeing patients, and will be doing so on Tuesday, March 19th. Thus, please read on so that you receive the most updated information regarding how patients can access RotaCare Richmond services!



### Grand Opening & “Thank You’s”

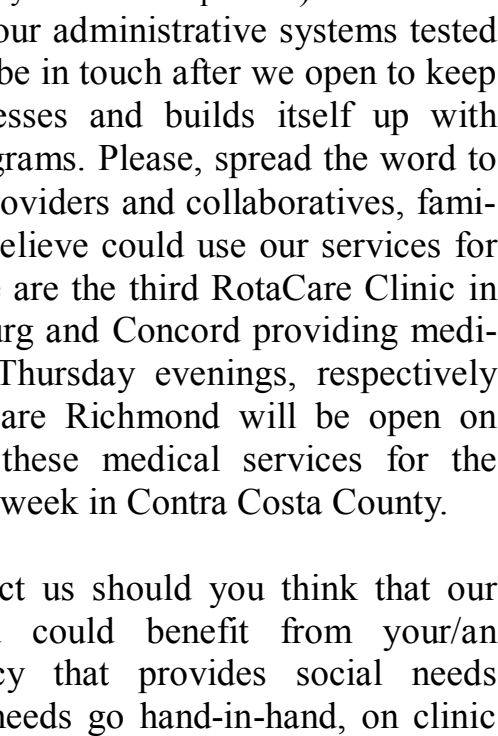
First and foremost, we want to extend heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the individuals that came out to our Grand Opening on February 21st, as well as all the volunteers that helped out during the event itself. It was a huge success!

Additionally, we would like to thank all the volunteers that assisted us on January 19th and March 5th and came out to the clinic to help us inventory and stock medical supplies, organize administrative systems and operations, set-up offices and exam rooms, build furniture, and offer their insight and suggestions to get the clinic up and running! This clinic is truly an amazing example of how a service-driven collaborative of volunteers and supporters are making health care possible for the uninsured.

*“We can not thank any of you enough for your contributions!”*

### The First Clinic Night

The first clinic night for patient services at RotaCare Richmond will be on **Tuesday, March 19th**. Please see the attached “RotaCare Richmond Patient Flyer” that provides all the information about the clinic’s scope of services, eligibility requirements, appointment scheduling, times of operation and other pertinent information regarding the clinic. It is provided in English and Spanish (double-sided) at the moment, with hopes of having it translated into other languages in the future.



We will be starting off our first few clinic nights with a small volume of patients being seen (only about 10-12 patients) in order to get ourselves up and running and our administrative systems tested and established. We will of course be in touch after we open to keep you updated as the clinic progresses and builds itself up with more patients, volunteers, and programs. Please, spread the word to your clients, your fellow service providers and collaboratives, families and friends, and anyone you believe could use our services for adult and pediatric health care. We are the third RotaCare Clinic in Contra Costa County, with Pittsburg and Concord providing medical services on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, respectively ([www.rotacarebayarea.org](http://www.rotacarebayarea.org)). RotaCare Richmond will be open on Tuesday evenings, thus making these medical services for the uninsured available throughout the week in Contra Costa County.

And please, do feel free to contact us should you think that our patients at RotaCare Richmond could benefit from your/an organization, program, or agency that provides social needs services. Since health and social needs go hand-in-hand, on clinic nights we certainly want to be able to offer social needs referrals to our patients for various services available in the community. Please, never hesitate to reach out to us to discuss building these relationships further, whether as a collaborator, and/or a volunteer!

Again, we want to thank you for your continued support and interest in us. We are excited about the road ahead for the RotaCare Richmond Free Medical Clinic. Please stay tuned as we open our doors and help provide a safety net for the uninsured.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Pate Thomson**, Medical Co-Director (Adult Care) & Chair of Advisory Council

**Dr. Francine Jolton**, Medical Co-Director (Pediatric Care)

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