

**Sheboygan & Plymouth Area United Way  
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**Just Ask David**

Not only is the need for health care for the uninsured growing in Sheboygan County, so is the Salvation Army's Red Shield Free Clinic. Stepping up to the plate with more services to the community is nothing new for the Salvation Army. They have offered accessible, affordable health care for low-income people in the community since 1992 and the demand for services offered by their free health clinic just keeps getting greater.

Additional day time clinic hours on two Thursday mornings a month have increased the Red Shield's service hours from six evenings a month – each Thursday evening and the second and fourth Mondays of each month – to likely treat over 1,000 patients in 2007. This expanded service, plus the increased allotment for prescription medicines to \$350 is good news to someone like David Henning, a regular at the clinic for almost 2 years.

David is allergic to virtually everything and he lives with this affliction every day of his life. And if that isn't bad enough, he has no health insurance and his income is so low that he barely has enough money for food and rent, let alone doctors' appointments, hospital visits and medication. But David has found a lifeline at the Red Shield Free Clinic where he has gotten to know the doctors and nurses who volunteer their time and the Salvation Army staff who help with the paperwork for getting his medications.

For people in Sheboygan County like David, who is living on a shoestring, the Red Shield Free Clinic is the only medical care he can get. And the Sheboygan & Plymouth Area United Way is proud to fund the Red Shield Clinic with donations from the generous supporters like you.

Your donation to the 2007 United Way campaign will help the Red Shield Free Clinic continue to meet the healthcare needs of hundreds of needy people in our community. Just ask David.

"There's no way I could afford even the medication on what I make," he said. "I'm barely making ends meet. For me, the Free Clinic means the difference between total misery twenty-four hours a day and some quality of life. I couldn't survive without it."

And just ask Sandy Steffes, the Development Director at Salvation Army. "The United Way is one of those fantastic partners that has recognized for a long time how important this program is to so many. Many other partners exist too – from area businesses, to local foundations like the Aurora Health Care Foundation, to local families. All of the money used to make this clinic work and to improve the quality of David's life comes from the good people right here in Sheboygan County."

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