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**Anonymous Donor Creates Fund to Benefit Siloam Clinic
Offers Dollar-for-Dollar Match for Other Gifts**

The Wayne County Foundation has been approached by an anonymous donor who has set up an endowed fund to benefit the Siloam Clinic in Richmond. Additionally, this person is offering up to \$5,000 more to match other gifts given to the fund between now and the end of the year.

“Access to quality healthcare is critically important,” said Steve Borchers, executive director of the Foundation. “This is a wonderful gift that will help address that need and – we hope – encourage others to be supportive, too.”

The Siloam Clinic is an outreach ministry of Petra Project of Richmond. It serves Wayne County residents age 13 and older who have no insurance, Medicaid or Medicare coverage.

Pastor David Eales founded the clinic in 2009 with an all-volunteer team of doctors and nurses. Currently, there are eight volunteer physicians, more than 15 nurses, and 5 administrative volunteers who staff the clinic every Tuesday evening. There is no cost to the patients.

“The numbers of people we help speak to the need,” he said. “We have served more than 600 people so far and have logged in over 1,200 visits. We have also provided more than \$5,000 worth of prescriptions to those who cannot purchase what our doctors prescribe.”

The fund, created at the Wayne County Foundation with \$5,000 will produce an annual distribution in support of the clinic and its prescription drug program. Raising additional dollars from the community will trigger more money from the anonymous donor. This will mean the clinic will receive a greater distribution every year.

“Our donor would very much like to see the fund be larger than \$5,000 – and even larger than \$15,000,” said Borchers. “We have a real opportunity to make that happen and effectively triple the annual support to the clinic.”

Contributions to the Siloam Clinic Fund should be directed to Wayne County Foundation, 33 South 7th Street, Richmond, or through the Foundation’s online giving option at www.waynecountyfoundation.org. You can call the Foundation Office at 765-962-1638 with questions.

“This fund will be very important to the long-term sustainability of the clinic,” said Pastor Eales. “Because we keep our costs so low, the amount we could receive annually from the fund represents a significant portion of our overall operation.”