

Athens Neighborhood Health Center

The mission of the Athens Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) is to provide accessible and affordable, high quality, primary health care to medically underserved and at risk individuals in Athens-Clarke County and surrounding areas. The Center has carried out this mission for the past 36 years.

The goals and objectives are to make health care affordable to all people by assigning uninsured persons to a sliding fee scale. The target populations served include children living in poverty, the working poor, elderly individuals on fixed incomes, homeless individuals, persons who are living with serious chronic illnesses such as hypertension and diabetes.

The Athens Neighborhood Health Center is a Private non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The majority of the revenues are generated by insurance payments for services rendered. Our Community Health Center was incorporated in 1971 and initially supported by funds from the Federal Model Cities Program. Since the late 1980's ANHC has not receive Federal Grant subsidies. It is because of strong local support for the services that ANHC has continued as a free-standing community health center.

- The Physicians (2 full-time and 1 volunteer) care for over 11,000 individuals annually.
- The Center had over 16,000 patient visits during the year.
- 85% of our clientele are from very low income households.
- 33% of our patients have no insurance coverage.
- The majority of the insured patients have coverage with Medicaid or Medicare.
- Grant funds have not adequately supported the mission, in FY 2006 Grant support was **\$279,446**.
- Gross Revenues **billed** from patient services in FY 2006 were **\$1,640,521**.
- Charity care, insurance disallowances and sliding fee scale write offs have cost the Center a **loss** of revenue of **\$722,755** during the past fiscal year. These losses have continued, as we continue to fulfill the mission.
- **Net Revenues** from patient services (after disallowances) **\$917,766**.
- Total Operating Expenses for FY 2006 were **\$1,265,287**.

Needs:

- Financial support of the services has dwindled, but the demand for providing indigent health care has increased significantly. Funding is needed to maintain the open door policy of providing high quality medical care to all individuals in Athens-Clarke County regardless of their ability to pay for the services.
- The Athens Neighborhood Health Center with the assistance of Georgia Association for Primary Health Care submitted a Grant proposal for 330 Federal funding December 6, 2006 which is under review by the Federal Government.
- For the past three years we have been working to have the Federal Government re-designate Athens-Clarke County as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). (This designation is essential to help with physician recruitment and Grant funding).