



## News Release

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### **Northern Kentucky Medical Society Foundation helps support homeless clinic**

The Northern Kentucky Medical Society Foundation (“Foundation”) has donated \$5,000 to the Pike Street Clinic for the Homeless in Covington. On Friday December 9, Dr. Susan Bushelman presented a check to Sr. Ann John of the Pike Street Clinic.

“We appreciate very much the Medical Society Foundation’s generous donation,” said HealthPoint chief executive officer Chris Goddard. “The goals of the Pike Street Clinic are improved health for homeless people and preventing medical problems before they become emergencies or life-threatening conditions. Ill health also may prevent homeless people from achieving a more stable lifestyle.”

The walk-in clinic, operated since 1989 by the nonprofit HealthPoint Family Care, provides medical care at no cost to the homeless of Northern Kentucky.

Services at the Pike Street clinic include medical screenings, TB tests, immunizations, foot care, blood pressure and diabetes screenings and follow-ups, and lab testing. Prescription drugs also are dispensed at no cost to the patients. Many patients return regularly to receive treatment for chronic conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

Last year, homeless patients made 2,280 visits to the clinic, which is open three mornings a week.

The Pike Street Clinic is supported by grants and donations and volunteer time from several Northern Kentucky physicians and nurses.

The Foundation began in the 1960’s and was known as the President’s Fund. In 2000 the Foundation was formally organized, as a non-profit corporation, as the Northern Kentucky Medical Society Foundation. The Foundation will continue to support communities in the Northern Kentucky area by providing scholarship opportunities to medical school students and financial assistance to non-profit organizations focused on providing healthcare programs. If you would like to make a donation to the Foundation, please contact Karla Kennedy at (859) 496-6567 or via email [nkms@nkms.org](mailto:nkms@nkms.org).

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