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Creighton University's Magis Clinic recognized with Governor's Points of Light Award

Lincoln, Neb. – Creighton University's Magis Clinic was honored with the Governor's Points of Light group award from Lt. Governor Sheehy and First Lady Sally Ganem today at a ceremony in the Warner Chamber at the State Capitol. The awards are sponsored by ServeNebraska, Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and presented quarterly in recognition of volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to help Nebraskans build stronger communities.

Creighton University medical students founded and run the Magis Clinic <http://medicine.creighton.edu/magis/index.html>. The outpatient clinic, organized in 2004 by Creighton medical students, offers free, walk-in health services on Saturdays to Omaha's homeless, uninsured and underinsured. Started in 2004, the effort continues with Magis currently offering three regularly-scheduled clinics on a weekly or biweekly basis: Acute Care Clinic, Psychiatry Clinic, and Sexual Health Clinic. Additionally, at various points throughout the year, the specialty clinics provide diabetic care, pediatric vaccinations, influenza vaccinations, and other services to patients. The commitment of Creighton student and physician volunteers, as well as the compassion of donors, has provided quality acute medical attention to the Omaha community at no cost.

The clinic, located at the Siena Francis House, works with other organizations to provide acute care and follow-up, physical exams, lab tests, medications, specialty clinics and referrals. Medical students and physicians volunteer at the clinic, seeing more than 20 patients each Saturday. Psychiatry and sexual health clinics were established in 2007. Magis Clinic volunteers also support various community events throughout the year, including pediatric vaccination and flu shot clinics and diabetes education classes. "It is the students and their organization that is the "glue" that holds the entire operation together", said Dr. Rowen Zetterman, Dean, School of Medicine, Creighton University. "The University does not have any direct responsibility for the clinic operation. Physician supervision is provided by more than 60 physician volunteers from Creighton University in the Omaha practice Community."

The Magis Clinic is supported by grants, gifts, donations, and volunteerism. There are many ways that you may help the clinic's outreach efforts and healthcare support within the local community. The clinic is always in need of physicians who can volunteer some time; and gifts and donations are certainly always welcomed.

To nominate individuals and groups for the Governor's Points of Light Awards who have made a difference through volunteerism and service, visit the ServeNebraska website at www.serve.nebraska.gov. The next nomination deadline is December 15, 2012.

ServeNebraska pursues its mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

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