



## The Oasis Health Network Inc. History Highlights

- Began in 1992 as the Tedford Health Care for the Homeless Program in the Tedford–Oasis Shelter, Brunswick. It has been open every Tuesday night since then.
- Mid Coast and Parkview Hospitals donate free lab and x-ray services. Both ERs provide back-up services when the Center isn't open.
- Reorganized as a 501C3 corporation Oasis Health Network Inc, 1995
- Moved to Mid Coast Hospital, 1995
- Established Oasis Management Group with part-time employees –Clinical Coordinator, Administrative Coordinator, Medical Director, Pharmacy Coordinator, Social Services Coordinator, 1997
- In 1999, USM Muskie School for Public Service did a study for Oasis, funded by \$10,000 from the Bingham Foundation, of the area's health care needs. Unmet needs of the uninsured/poor were increased access to - primary care services; routine dental care; routine eye care and glasses; non-emergent mental health care, prescription medications.
- Oasis Prescription Assistance Program started to access free medications from the drug companies, 2000
- Established a network of eye care specialists from Damariscotta to Freeport to provide free eye exams and glasses at cost (\$45 per set of glasses), 2001
- Contracted free transportation from Coastal Transportation Company for each clinic night and set up a volunteer driver program from the Tedford Shelter, 2001
- In 2001, the Oasis Board of Directors was restructured from a management board to a policy board. It is charged with protecting Oasis as a community asset and growing the Oasis Program to meet the needs of those not having access to health care.
- A free chiropractic network established from Wiscasset to Freeport to help care for low back pain, 6<sup>th</sup> highest diagnostic category, 2001.
- Center moves to Parkview Hospital's Professional Building, 2002
- In 2003, monthly Diabetic and two Complex Care Clinics were started.
- In 2004, Center moved back to Mid Coast Hospital, at its Professional Bldg, 66 Baribeau Drive. In partnership with MaineHealth, two monthly Depression Clinics were started. In partnership with Bowdoin College's Service Learning Program, a website was created
- In 2005, clinics in high blood pressure and high cholesterol were started. With Mid Coast and Parkview Hospitals and area medical practices, an Oasis Community Prescription Assistance Program opened in July.'05. In its first year of operation it obtained \$280,000 in free meds for area adults who could not afford to pay for their prescriptions. It is projected that this program will obtain \$1mil a year in free meds by its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation.
- In partnership with the Merrymeeting Dental Society and Catholic Charities, an Oasis Dental Clinic opened Jan'06 in space donated by the Catholic Charities' Jesse Albert Dental Clinic, Bath, Maine.
- Oasis Health Network Inc has 100 volunteer medical practitioners, dentists, nurses and clerical staff.
- Between 1995-2006, Oasis has cared for over 3,000 individuals and provided over 8,000 patient visits. 70% come from Brunswick, Bath and Topsham. Its catchment area is Freeport, Brunswick, Harpswell and the Islands, all of Sagadahoc County.
- Oasis has continued to rely on local support for its operational budget. The budget has increased in 1995 from \$20,000 to \$100,000 in 2007. Operational funds come entirely from local sources – individuals, churches, businesses and United Way. Oasis leverages its donations to \$10 for each dollar donated.