

Our Lady of Hope Clinic News Release  
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### **New groundbreaking primary care clinic to hold open house on March 24**

Our Lady of Hope Clinic announced Monday that it will open its doors to the public for an open house on Tuesday, March 24 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The open house will give Southern Wisconsin its first peek at the area's newest and most unique primary care clinic—and an opportunity to meet the doctors behind it.

Located at 6425 Odana Road, Suite D, Our Lady of Hope Clinic will offer free outpatient health care to the state's uninsured population. This service will be funded by benefactors who receive unlimited concierge-style primary care from the clinic in exchange for a modest annual contribution.

The Most Reverend Robert C. Morlino, Bishop of Madison, will appear at the open house. Morlino, who will be on hand to give the clinic his official blessing, has said "I can't be more thrilled that we have such a clinic in Madison."

Our Lady of Hope Clinic President Dr. Michael Kloess said this unique model puts Madison on the cutting edge of efforts to address two of the nation's most daunting health care challenges.

"Forty million Americans go without health insurance each year. Our Lady of Hope Clinic is a grassroots effort to answer this crisis locally," Kloess said. "Secondly, by offering our benefactors unparalleled access to a personal physician, we improve quality of care, restore the doctor-patient relationship, and put medical decisions back in the patients' hands."

With the economy slumping, Our Lady of Hope Clinic Physician Anne Volk Johnson believes the need for accessible health care is more critical than ever.

"Each year, 1 in 10 Wisconsinites goes without health insurance," Johnson said. "With the current economic downturn, that number is only going to increase. We are grateful for this opportunity to help meet the needs of our community."

When Our Lady of Hope Clinic opens on April 2, it will mark the completion of more than 18 months of planning and preparation.

"Over the past year and a half, Our Lady of Hope Clinic has gone from a dream to a reality," Kloess said. "I am so thankful for our benefactors, donors, advisors and volunteers who have stepped up to make this clinic opening possible. We simply would not have come this far without their leadership."

For information on how to become a patient at Our Lady of Hope Clinic or to find out how you can help spread the word about the clinic, contact Steve Karlen at 608-445-2063.