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## Connecting Non-Profit Clinics to Intermountain's Lab System

- The Maliheh Free Clinic provides care for approximately 6,000 patients annually, patients within 150% of the federal poverty level, all without an on-site laboratory.
- Intermountain Healthcare provides free vouchers for laboratory and diagnostic testing.
- By coordinating with the Maliheh Free Clinic, lab testing and diagnostic exam access is increased, easing burdens for patients during vulnerable health moments.
- Learn about community partnerships at Intermountain by visiting: <https://intermountainhealthcare.org/about/who-we-are/community-health/community-giving-programs/>

The social safety net provides high-quality healthcare to protect the most vulnerable in our communities. Because difficulties with transportation, scheduling, and money all play a role in obtaining care, far too often uninsured individuals allow their health to get worse before seeking care. Sometimes the uninsured even use hospital emergency rooms to serve as their primary care physician. Shifting unnecessary emergency room visits to local safety net clinics saves money and improves health outcomes, but there are limitations.

### The Maliheh Free Clinic and Intermountain Healthcare

Founded in honor of his grandmother, Khosrow Semnani created the Maliheh Free Clinic to serve his community. "Do your best in life— and leave the rest to God," says Semnani. "She would say that a lot. It was one of her favorite sayings."

But because laboratory testing and diagnostic testing like MRIs and CT scans require complex procedures and costly infrastructure, the Maliheh Free Clinic was having to choose between investments in infrastructure or investments in patient care and outreach. That's where Intermountain came in.

### Maximizing Impact While Reducing Overhead Costs

Intermountain healthcare already had the existing infrastructure and investments in laboratory and diagnostic testing. By providing vouchers to the Maliheh Clinic, Intermountain could support a valuable local resource, and the Maliheh Clinic could continue to focus on providing high-quality healthcare to people in need. It really is a win for Intermountain, a win for the Maliheh Clinic, but most importantly, a win for patients of both organizations.



### Improving Health One Client at a Time

Patients at the Maliheh Free Clinic are within 150% of the federal poverty level. That means a household of four brings in less than \$39,750. To people currently living within the federal poverty level, every dollar counts.

“When you don’t have the money to take care of your health, it’s hard to function in your world. It’s hard to take care of your family. It’s hard to contribute to the community. It’s hard to go to work each day when you’re sick.” says Lucero of the Maliheh Free Clinic.

“For people to be lifted out of poverty, they have to be healthy. And with Intermountain’s laboratory and diagnostic testing assistance, we’re able to provide increased health and support for our patients.”

### Community Collaborations Help Everyone

In a typical year, more than 6,000 people are served by the Maliheh Free Clinic. Virtually every nursing program in the state sends student to receive hands-on training from medical clinic volunteers. And with clients using the Maliheh Free Clinic instead of hospital emergency rooms, local hospitals keep their emergency departments readily available for car crashes, strokes, heart attacks, and other true emergencies.

“At the Maliheh Free Clinic, our people aren’t here because they make a paycheck. They’re here because they make a difference.” You can help make a difference, too.

You can volunteer your time or money to help improve the health of our community by emailing [volunteers@malihehfreeclinic.org](mailto:volunteers@malihehfreeclinic.org) or by calling 801-266-3700.

