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Rotary Club of Santa Barbara  
c/o Connie Green  
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Dear Members of Rotary Club of Santa Barbara,

On behalf of the entire Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics organization and our patients, I'd like to express gratitude for your invitation to apply for funding this year!

Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics (SBNC) has served the Santa Barbara community for over 50 years with a founding mission to provide healthcare services for all people regardless of their ability to pay. This was predicated on the philosophy that all individuals and families should have access to quality and affordable medical, dental, and behavior healthcare. As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), SBNC is the largest healthcare safety net in South Santa Barbara County.

SBNC is the medical home for more than 18,000 low-income, medically underserved patients in South Santa Barbara County. This includes over 4,000 children, 2,000 homeless individuals, and 10,000 women, with a majority representing persons of color. We serve an essential need in the community by alleviating the cost of expensive hospital stays and emergency room visits, which drain the resources of both the patients and the community.

These individuals find it difficult to navigate a complicated healthcare system, thereby overlooking acuties that become serious, chronic, life-threatening health conditions when unmanaged. SBNC is addressing this poor access to care. Our organization relies on the generous support of individuals and community organizations like the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara to fill the funding gap for our vulnerable community members.

Our request for \$5,000 is to support our on-going efforts in providing high-quality care services to the community's most susceptible individuals. The average cost reimbursement gap for a patient's visit is \$82 which means a grant of \$5,000 could supplement healthcare visits for **more than 60 patients!** We appreciate the wonderful opportunity presented to us, and recognize that the work is continuing. Your contribution to our mission helps sustain the critical efforts to ensure no one in our community is denied compassionate medical, dental, or behavioral healthcare. Thank you so much for all the work your organization does for our community!

If you have any questions, please contact me at [jonathan.aimonetti@sbclinics.org](mailto:jonathan.aimonetti@sbclinics.org).

Sincerely,



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