



Portico Healthnet 2008 Healthy Community Award Winner

Allina Hospitals & Clinics awarded Portico Healthnet, a non-profit organization, the 2008 Healthy Community Award for helping uninsured Minnesotans find affordable health insurance and care.

Since 1995, more than 6,000 uninsured children and adults have enrolled in Portico's safety-net coverage program, and with Portico Healthnet's assistance, another 5,000 have been enrolled in public coverage programs.

This video shows how the organization works in partnership with hospitals throughout the Minneapolis / St. Paul metro area to help families access a continuum of preventive, primary and specialty care to improve community health and reduce dependence on emergency care.

Expanding to 'the Backyard'

The Center for Healthcare Innovation at Allina is working to expand Portico Healthnet's proven strategies for increasing access to health care services into "the Backyard," the approximately one square mile area surrounding Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Allina Commons (our corporate headquarters) and Phillips Eye Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

About 22 percent of the people living in this area do not have health insurance. Communities in the Backyard include the Phillips Neighborhood and parts of the Central, Powderhorn Park and Corcoran neighborhoods of Minneapolis.

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