

Project Access

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Runyon Optometry and Vision Care 4 Life are proud to announce that Dr. Wendy Foster is now a participating doctor with Project Access, a physician-led community partnership that coordinates increased access to health care for lower-income, uninsured residents of Wichita/Sedgwick County. The program is designed to complement and enhance the work of existing community care clinics and other community agencies. Essentially, Project Access coordinates care donated by local physicians, dentists, hospitals, pharmacists and other medical providers.

The reason programs like Project Access are so vital to our community is that over 55,000 residents of Sedgwick County are uninsured, many of whom are working hard in one or more low-wage jobs where they are not eligible for, or cannot afford other coverage products or programs. Low-income, uninsured people often access care late in the course of illness and rarely in a coordinated or efficient way. This can have bad consequences for both the patient and the community. Project Access offers an opportunity for physicians and other providers to partner with others to increase access to care, to improve the health of the enrollees and to reduce the costs borne by the community.

- If you think you would qualify for assistance through Project Access, simply ask your physician for a referral.
- For physicians who are interested in helping out, you can contact Project Access at 316-688-0600 or visit their website at www.projectaccess.net.