

# The Little Health Center That Could

The Tale of  
Lorain County Health & Dentistry



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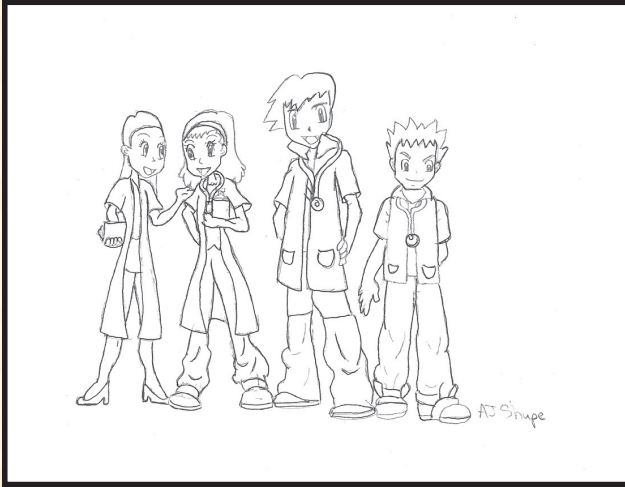
# *Once upon a time.....*

There was a little Health Center  
in the middle of a  
little community



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It had a little staff  
who came to work each day  
eager to help the patients feel better.

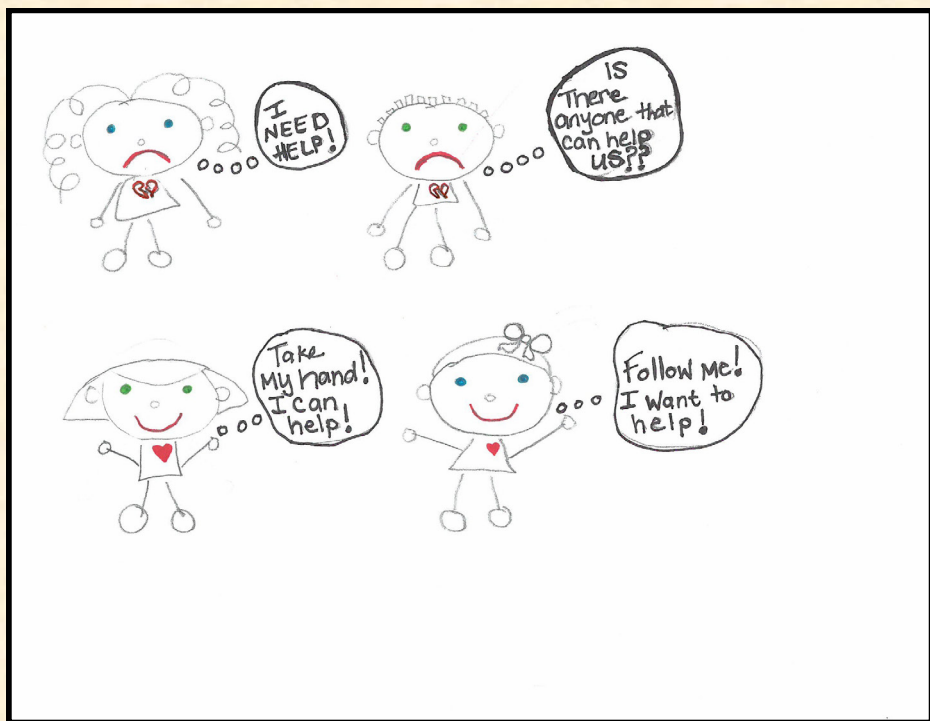


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Some patients had  
big, big problems &  
little hope.



But that didn't matter  
to the little staff.  
They reached out to each patient anxious  
to bring a little relief.

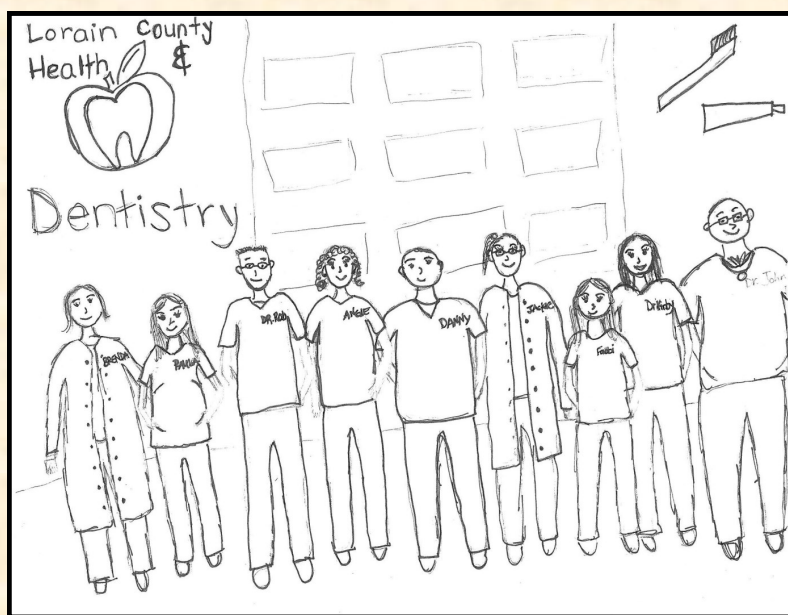


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One day,  
the little Health Center  
became federally qualified.  
It was a big achievement for the little center.



It meant big things for the patients  
& the little community.  
It required more than  
a little effort on the part of the staff,  
but everyone agreed it was an important step towards  
improving the health of the little community  
& all who lived there.



Artwork by Paula Escobar Sams

Pretty soon,  
the little staff realized how very big  
the community's health needs were,  
& how very BIG their jobs were!



They realized that every effort to help,  
whether big or small,  
would make a difference in the community.  
They realized that even a little difference  
meant a great deal,  
& so try they did to make a difference for  
each and every patient.



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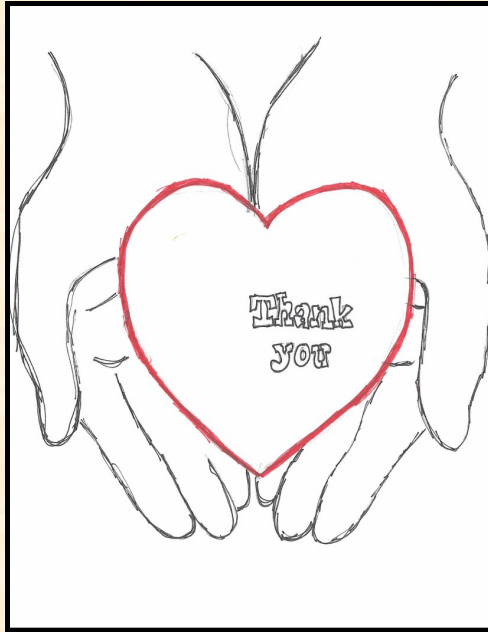
One day, almost like magic,  
the little staff realized that it was  
no longer little.

Measured by its dedication, commitment & willingness  
to instill hope,  
the little staff had become a very BIG one.



Artwork by Jessica Kreger,  
daughter of Teresa Kreger

For many patients,  
some with big problems and little resources,  
the little Health Center  
was an answer to their prayers,  
a gift from God.  
And the little community was  
grateful for its improved health.



Artwork by Katie Burke

And the little Health Center  
with the Big staff  
soon became the Big Health Center  
with the Big staff.  
And everyone commented on what  
a Big difference  
the Big Health Center  
with the Big staff  
made in the little community.



**Future Home of Lorain County Health & Dentistry**

And everyone lived happily ever after.



*The End  
(and The Beginning)*



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*“Never, never, never give up.”*

*Winston Churchill*

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