



**Sharing Good News: GHFA Awards COVID-19 Emergency Grant Funding to QMED Clinic
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The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges to the healthcare community and the patients they serve. In response, the Georgia Healthy Family Alliance, the philanthropic arm of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians, has launched an *Immediate Needs Grants* program to help address some of the unique challenges Georgia's communities are facing due to the Coronavirus outbreak. GHFA recently awarded \$1,000 in emergency grant funding to QMED Clinic, endorsed by Dr. Isabel Lowell (Georgia Academy member and family physician). QMED clinic serves patients that are either uninsured or underinsured and many of their patients have recently found themselves unemployed and unable to afford their normal prescriptions. Dr. Lowell and the QMED Clinic have also started writing prescriptions for up to 90 days for patients, to prevent them from having to leave their homes and risk becoming infected.

Dr. Lowell's commitment to her patients and level of generosity is an inspiration to us all.

"I have decided to dedicate my salary for the months of March and April to be able to provide patients with these essential medications. With the grant from GHFA, we will be able to cover up to 90 days of prescriptions for twenty to thirty patients. We are so thankful to have that support during this critical time."

The Georgia Healthy Family Alliance and Georgia Academy of Family Physicians are grateful to be able to assist physicians like Dr. Lowell, who are on the front lines of this global health crisis.

To learn more about our *Immediate Needs Grants* program, please visit our website at www.georgiahealthyfamilyalliance.org. If you or someone you know would like to make a donation to allow us to continue to provide these essential grant funds, please reach out to Shan Hayes at Shayes@gafp.org, or 404-321-7445 EXT. 105.