



Health Fund Brings Free Care To Impoverished Children

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For a quarter of a century, the Children's Health Fund have been bringing doctors offices to communities throughout the city and other parts of the country where health care isn't easily accessible, without regard for a patients ability to pay. NY1's Kafi Drexel filed the following report.

"We have mostly medical, but we also have dental and mental health units as well," says Delaney Gracy, the medical director for the Children's Health Fund. "That goes with our whole model of how we try to provide care because we don't just go to a site and see kids one time and leave."

In the city alone, the health fund services 13 different sites including schools and shelters.

In the midst of economic turmoil, the need for services like this continues to grow.

"Over one in five children live in poverty," says Delaney. "There's a need that we can't even meet at this point. We have 23 programs and 2 affiliates across the country, and last year we had over 250,000 medical encounters with children. But there's still a lot of kids out there that we haven't been able to see yet."



Anyone with a computer or smartphone can help.

Through a partnership with Clorox, through the end of the year, the cleaning product's maker is donating 10 cents every time someone logs into their website checkinforcheckups.com and shares a healthy habit.

Up to \$100,000 will go toward clinic visits for kids in need. You can also tweet them with the hash tag .

Visit the site at CheckInForCheckups.com.

The goal is to meet at least one million healthy check-ins by December 31 to provide more than half a million healthcare visits for kids throughout the country.

Hopefully, in this case, a tweet or more a day, won't keep the doctor away.