

ANNUAL REPORT

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Emma Goldman Clinic

A Feminist Approach to Health Care



Emma Providing Options While Ensuring Resources

Friends,

Make no mistake, 2009 was a year filled with change and challenge. Like many non-profit organizations and small businesses, the economy has impacted our organization significantly. We're still moving forward, but we're being more strategic about our planning for the future. The clinic has long been known for her resilience and adaptability. For 37 years, we have provided non-judgmental, high quality health care that is rooted and grounded in feminist health care tenets to the women and men of Iowa and the surrounding states.

At last count, there were 14 Feminist Health Care Clinics continuing to exist in the United States. In 2008, the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women closed. Tragically, another feminist health care clinic was forced to close their doors in 2009 for financial reasons.

Can you imagine a world without the Emma Goldman Clinic?

Our survival is in large part due to the forward thinking of the clinic's founders and directors that have been responsive to challenges in the abortion environment and fluid and flexible in our reactions to those challenges. Our continued existence and survival has never been more critical in our community.

December 31, 2009, marks one year of a structural reorganization that included a return to co-directors. This leadership module has been a positive change. It has allowed us to streamline systems and become more efficient. It has facilitated team work and communication among the departments-thereby empowering staff through the sharing of responsibilities and information. Efficient systems and teamwork have allowed us to become leaner in this tough economy. The number of employees at the clinic has been reduced by 38% in the past two years. We accomplished this through attrition.

Highlights for 2009 include the integration of the Ryan Residency Program into our abortion services. The Ryan Residency Program strives to integrate and enhance family planning training for obstetrics and gynecology residents including experience with induced abortion. The clinic had 9 Ryan residents in 2009, thus helping to ensure that there will continue to be trained and qualified physicians providing abortion services in the future.

In 2009 we improved our electronic outreach. We unveiled our new website that highlights the clinic's respectful, client-centered service delivery, and provides visitors a pictorial view of the clinic. The Emma Goldman Clinic Facebook page allows us to quickly inform our supporters of breaking legal, political, and clinic news. Choice Alerts are distributed to our email list subscribers providing political updates, announcements, event invitations, and more. In 2010 we hope to use the Alerts to distribute our quarterly newsletters and appeals.

Our goals of integrating long acting reversible contraception in the form of IUC's and IMPLANON® have been reached and exceeded. We are increasing our own knowledge base and services in order to ensure that there is a safe space for Transgendered services and consultations. We continue to seek out and serve those populations that are traditionally

under served and uninsured. We are the only abortion provider in Iowa offering elective second trimester abortion services through 19 weeks, and free services to women who are sexually assaulted.

If not the Emma Goldman Clinic – then who?

We are looking forward to the opportunities that may be presented with the passage of health care reform. Our services continue to be needed in Iowa, and in the Midwest, now more than ever. While some are feeling relief from the recession, we continue to see women making financial choices between seeking health care and paying the rent. We hear many stories of women who skip birth control, or delay filling prescriptions because of financial difficulties. Unfortunately, those women are risking an unintended pregnancy that will further strain their family's resources.

The upheaval in the global financial markets and the widespread ripple effect mean that the demand for services from all types of helping organizations will be even greater than before, while available funding continues to shrink. It costs more to provide services. Women have less money. Our focus this year is to continue to offer the superior and excellent feminist health care that we are known for.

Will you help to preserve the Emma Goldman Clinic?

The work of the Emma Goldman Clinics' staff, physicians and volunteers is as brave and visionary as that of our founders. They give of themselves to make life better for the women and men of the Midwest. Our donor's' support of the Emma Goldman Clinic has never been more appreciated— it is an investment that will pay off for many future generations.

We hope you will take the time to read further about these and other accomplishments in this annual report.

Thank you,

Jennifer Price *Francine Thompson*



Co-Directors

Our Mission

The **Em**maGoldmanClinic is a not-for-profit independent organization founded in 1973 by a group of women driven by feminist ideals. We exist to empower women and men in all life stages through the provision of quality reproductive health care that includes abortion services, gynecology services, safer sex promotion, and active education. We promote respectful, client-centered and participatory health care through informed decision making, client rights, advocacy and expansion, and support of pregnancy choices.

We strive to provide an environment in which diversity is acknowledged and celebrated. We are actively committed to staff diversity in employment policies and practices. We strive to increase economic, geographic, structural, and language accessibility for the clients we serve through fundraising, outreach, and advocacy.

We offer non-judgmental, quality health care services. Our goals are inspired by our belief in the larger ideals of feminist philosophy: political, economic, and social equality.

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1970's

1973 Jan. The United States Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, legalizes abortion.

1973 Sep. EGC opened its doors at 715 N. Dodge St. and began offering abortions.

Hopefully, you have noticed the **EmPOWER** in our recent communications.



Emma Providing Options While Ensuring Resources

During our staff strategic planning process, it became apparent that 'protection' was a recurring theme. Protection of the Emma Goldman Clinic to ensure the organizations viability and stability. Protection of clients and staff. Protection of resources by minimizing the Emma Goldman Clinic's impact on the environment. Emma Goldman Clinic staff collaborated to develop the EmPower theme to guide with these objectives.

We recognize the clear connection between the environment and the work we do. We commit to working toward environmental sustainability and organizational viability. We commit to continue to do the work while managing our limited resources and by valuing the limited resources in the world around us.

We, at the **Em**ma Goldman Clinic, commit to **provide options while ensuring resources**.



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1976 Prenatal services and natural birthing classes begin.

1978 anti-abortion protesters appeared for the first time, one month later the clinic was firebombed.

Providing quality healthcare services is a core component of the clinic’s mission statement. We continue to strive to serve those populations that are traditionally underserved, uninsured, and underrepresented.

Subsidized Services	Service	#of Clients	Subsidy
	Abortion Sliding Scale Subsidy	873	\$102,400
	Student and Condom/ECP Discounts	48	\$151
	Gynecology Sliding Scale	990	\$9,578
	Sexual Assault Victim Services	16	\$12,025
	African American Women’s Service Event	11	\$1,528
	GLBT Service Event	8	\$1,702
	Migrant Camp Worker Service Night	13	\$1,732
	TOTAL	1959	\$129,116

“Relaxed, efficient atmosphere, as soon as I walked in and talked to the women/staff I felt okay. Up until that point I felt alone and nervous as though no one else anywhere was going to go through this. If it wasn’t for this clinic and staff who make you feel reassured with every step with such ease and have such great patience, I don’t think I would have been able to deal with this whole procedure as totally well as I have.”

-EGC Client

1980's 1983 Due to numerous requests for information, the Clinic begins providing service to women with Premenstrual Syndrome. 1985 Apr. EGC buys a new building and moves to its current location of 227 N. Dubuque St.

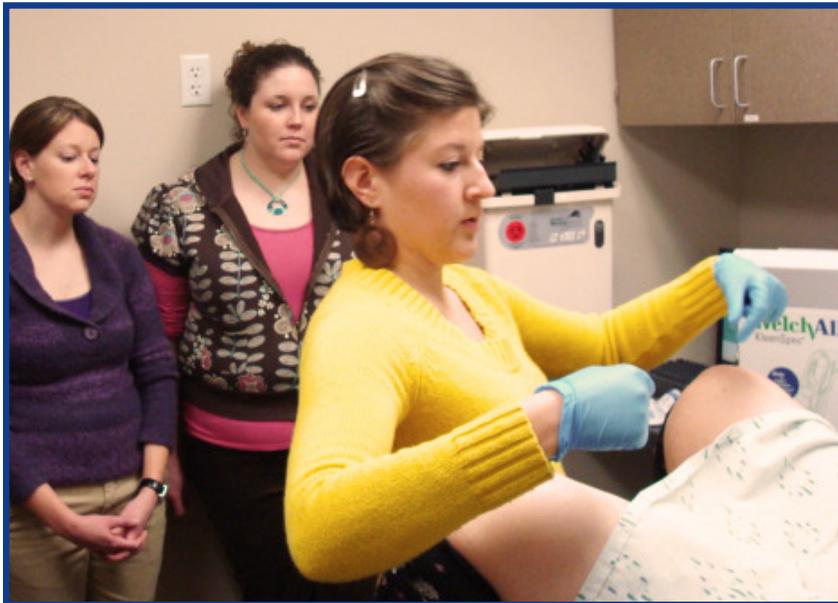
The Emma Goldman Clinic offers essential reproductive health care services that are not available elsewhere in the state. We are currently the only provider of elective out patient second trimester abortions up to 19 weeks and 6 days from the last menstrual period. We are also the only provider to offer free abortion services to women who are pregnant as a result of sexual assault. These are critical services that Iowa women can only find at EGC.

Each year in an attempt to provide quality health care to marginalized populations and to increase access to underserved women, we offer specialty clinics. In recognition of Black History Month, we offer an African American Women's Health Event. In June, we celebrate PRIDE with an opportunity for GLBT persons to access free health care.

We continue to partner with Proteus and the University of Iowa's Mobile Clinic to offer reproductive health care to the women who are living at regional migrant camps during the summer.

Culturally competent services are provided at no charge during these clinics. A comfortable and festive atmosphere with refreshments and door prizes is created and health care information specific to each population is available. We continue to hear positive feedback about these "specialty clinics" from the community and from the women that attend.

Each of the specialty clinics are staffed by a host of practitioners, physicians, practicum students and Emma staff that are volunteering their time.



Emma staff and volunteers teach University of Iowa Nurse Practitioner students the "feminist approach" to giving a pelvic exam.

1987 EGC offers AIDS testing and counseling.

1988 Cervical cap is approved by FDA, EGC receives national and international attention for its cervical cap handbook and begins training cap fitters from around the midwest

Options are central to our feminist belief in a clients right and ability to be in control of their own health care experience.

Since 1971, the founding mothers of the Emma Goldman Clinic have strived to empower women through non-judgemental services, education, and advocacy. Today, as Iowa's leading non-profit feminist health resource, our clinic has earned a reputation for providing quality care and community education. We believe that education and knowledge are vital components in a persons' ability to make health care decisions that benefit themselves, their families, and their communities. Since its very inception the staff and volunteers of the Emma Goldman Clinic have responded to community requests for sexual and feminist health information by offering a Speakers Bureau. Our commitment to advocacy expands past the exam room, from college campuses to capitol hill.

We support client's birth control needs by offering a wide range of contraceptive methods. We have the ability to offer clientele, long acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). More clients wishing to use intrauterine contraceptives (IUCs) or Implanon to prevent pregnancy are able to because of our reduced fees.

Our expanding and diverse community brings with it unique health care needs, and this has prompted us to expand our services to include a Trans Health Initiative. As we continue to learn and grow we will broaden and develop services to fit our client's health concerns.

We offer health services during the day, as well as Saturdays, and one evening per week, with additional walk-in hours for client convenience.

To further reach community members we maintain a Speakers Bureau capable of presenting on a wide range of topics from sexual education to the politics of reproductive health care. Staff, board members, practicum students and clinic volunteers participated in over 17 events talking to more than 1800 people in fiscal year 2009.

"In proceeding with this operation I felt I had freedom to choose. I also felt like it was very fair to give women a chance to choose, since we are the only one's who reproduce. Thank you Emma Goldman Clinic for helping me continue to be who I want to be."

-EGC Client

1990's 1990 New services: Morning After Treatment, Therapeutic Massage, Problem Gyn, Lesbian Health Day, joined National Women's Health Network. Access fund and Pledge-A-Picketer started. 1994 Honor Dinner launches Kretschmar Education Fund (1st Choice Dinner), EGC receives DHS grant for teen pregnancy prevention, EGC receives EFA grant for abortion loan fund. FACE becomes law in May.



Clinic Staff members went to Cornell College to participate in a side-walk Sex Clinic with feminist sex worker Annie Sprinkle.

The Emma Goldman Clinic hosted a community Abortion Conversation at the Iowa City Public Library. This event was successful in bringing the topic of abortion from behind closed doors to an open forum at a community venue. With the help of trained facilitators from our sister organization Women's Resource and Action Center (WRAC), conversations were kept civil between pro-choice and anti-choice attendees.

We are always working to reduce the stigma surrounding abortion by encouraging women and men to share their personal experiences of abortion.

Penny Lane's film *The Abortion Diaries* was screened, followed by a post-screening discussion at which participants were invited to share their own experiences with pregnancy option decisions.



1995 External Board of Directors appointed, had first meeting July 11th. Advisory Board folds in to new BOD. First Executive Director is hired, October start.

1996 Emma Goldman Clinic website launched.
www.emmagoldman.com

1998 EGC begins offering male services. Contracted with the UIHC OB/GYN dept. to provide 1st and 2nd trimester abortions at EGC.

While we continue to provide exceptional care, we are also focusing on the safety and quality of the facility for our clients and staff.

We are looking to the future. Our property is one of our greatest resources. Making much needed improvements helps us to meet our goal of providing a pleasing, comfortable and safe environment to work in and to receive services. Incorporating eco friendly practices into the Emma Goldman Clinic is not only the right thing to do; it ensures we will be around for many more years to come.

Our lobby was spruced up with the purchase of window blinds and end tables. One of the biggest wastes of energy comes from windows. We added cordless double cell honeycomb shades that provide excellent insulation to save energy. The end tables were purchased from a manufacturer certified for compliance with the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) guidelines for sustainable management of resources. They are also beautiful.

The assassination of our colleague Dr. George Tiller was shocking and traumatic. The pro-choice community rallied together and have found renewed resolve to persevere for the women, men, and families we serve. This tragic event has provided us an opportunity to renew our commitment to a woman's right to choose to terminate a pregnancy in a licensed medical facility by a licensed medical professional, in spite of threats from the opposition. Dr. Tiller's death and the escalating anti-abortion rhetoric that followed provided us with an opportunity to re-evaluate our security systems and improve upon them. We were able to enclose the front desk area with bullet resistant material thanks to the generous support of our donors.

2000's 2000 Mifeprex is approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Emma Goldman Clinic begins providing non-surgical abortions. 2001 First internet sale from EGC's website, and first internet donation received from a new donor. 2003 EGC herstory book published.

"This clinic is a great asset to the women of this area. They are here for us at all costs, they are not judgemental or overbearing. This clinic needs all the support it can get!"

- EGC Client



Then
&
Now

2010 Updated client waiting area with ecologically sound products.

Installed glass enclosure at front desk to enhance employee security and ensure client privacy at reception area.



2007 Begin offering HPV vaccinations.

2008 Begin offering LARC's: IUC & Implanon

2009 Begin offering Hormone Therapy to Transgendered clients.

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Ensuring the longevity of the clinic through the generosity of our donors and community partners.

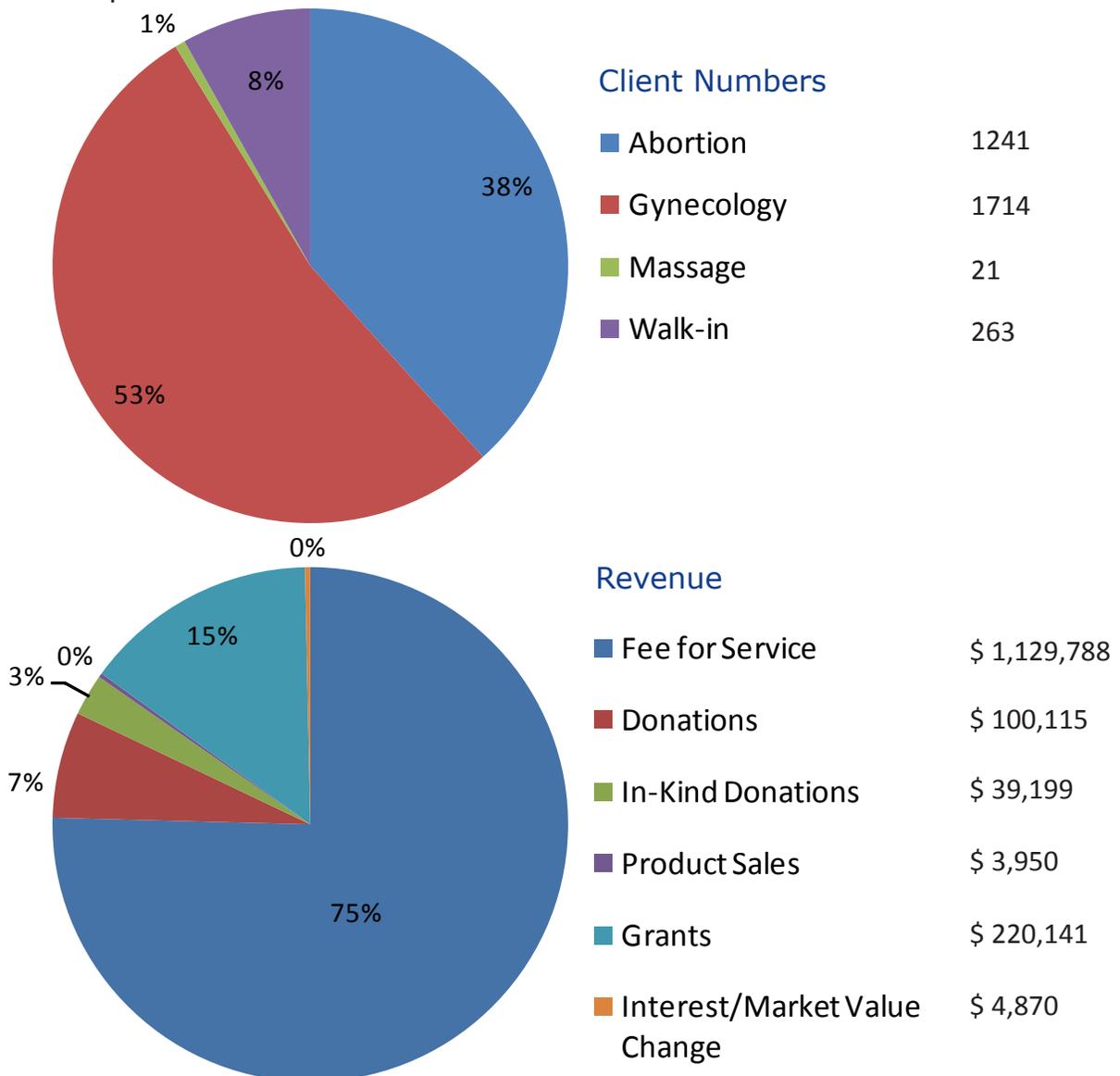
Thank You to Our Donors

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Resources of the Emma Goldman Clinic include so much more than dollars and cents.

Fees for services and contributions from donors allow us to keep the doors open. Just as important are the time, talents and tangibles that allow us to do the work with our high standards for feminist health care.

We recognize the value of the resources you offer and want to assure you that we will always be responsible and conscientious of the available resources.



The Emma Goldman Clinic continues to offer education and practicum experiences for students from colleges and universities in eastern Iowa. In addition to medical students, we also train social work, women's studies, medical assisting and nursing students. It is an opportunity to expose them not only to abortion care, but to health care from a feminist perspective.

We continue to value our collaborative resources in the community. This year we have partnered and worked with a variety of organizations including:

Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)
Iowa Abortion Access Fund (IAAF)
Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce
Johnson County Sexual Assault Response Team (JCSART)
Johnson County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (JCCADV)
National Organization of Women - Iowa City Chapter (NOW)
Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP)
UI Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA)
UI Law Students for Choice
UI Medical Students for Choice (MS4C)
United Action for Youth (UAY)
Women's Action Group of Cornell College (WAG)
Women's Resource and Action Center (WRAC)

The Emma Goldman Clinic maintains a highly skilled and diverse staff. We are proud to be a responsible employer, offering a 3% cost of living increase in 2009 and accessible broad health care benefits. We attempt to offer an engaging, challenging and supportive work environment.



U of I socialwork practicum students, Dani and Corey.

"Once again I found myself overflowing with gratitude for your presence, for all the work all of you do day in and day out, for the risks and responsibilities you take on because of your commitment to women's health and well being."

- EGC Client