#Giving Tuesday

It is Giving Tuesday today, the first Tuesday that follows Thanksgiving in US. The tradition was started in 2012 in New York as an antidote to the excessive commercialism that is usually widespread following Thanksgiving (Black Friday) and in the holiday shopping season of Christmas and New Year.

Our faith traditions are full of exhortations for giving. So this call for giving is not alien to us. Indeed much of our work in the non profit domain is possible because of the generosity of **individuals and not the handouts from government or charitable corporations.**

At Compassionate Care Network (CCN) a 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization, we know that we could not exist without the financial support of our community donors. The average donations that sustain us are between $50-$100 per person.

CCN's vision is grounded in promoting health awareness and healthier living as essential in controlling runaway health care costs in America. Every dollar we receive is diligently used in organizing our programs for health screenings and health education.

In the last 5 years over 4,000 individuals have benefited from our free health screenings, and thousands more have been reached through our health talk radio programs done daily during Ramadan and weekly during the rest of the year (WCEV 1450 AM Islamic & Arabic Voice of Chicago).

With the start of Obamacare CCN has not only partnered with Get Covered Illinois and other community based organizations to enroll the uninsured who are eligible but also continued to be a safety net for the undocumented and the visitors who unfortunately remain outside this system. Over a thousand uninsured got enrolled in the first round of open enrollments. We hope to double that number in the second round. That can be easier if more funds are available to hire more staff.

Please donate whatever you can on this #Giving Tuesday.

To donate use this link : http://ccnchicago.nationbuilder.com

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