

# LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

ADG Free Medical Clinic Volunteer Internship Program

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued funding of the American Diversity Group (ADG) Free Medical Clinic and the renewal of its contract with Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2027. My perspective is shaped by my direct involvement as a student volunteer, where ADG has played a major role in both my academic journey and professional development. As a pre-medical student seeking meaningful clinical experience, I found at ADG an opportunity that exceeded my expectations and provided invaluable hands-on exposure.

During my time at the clinic, I have participated in patient intake, triage, collecting vital signs, assisting with chronic disease screenings, and supporting health education efforts, all while working closely with licensed healthcare professionals. More importantly, this experience has taught me the importance of delivering care with empathy, cultural awareness, and respect for individuals from diverse and underserved communities. ADG serves uninsured patients, immigrants, refugees, and individuals facing complex health challenges, and through this work, I have come to understand that effective healthcare goes beyond technical knowledge—it relies on trust, communication, and compassion. This experience has been essential in helping me develop key skills and has significantly influenced my future goals in medicine.

In addition to its impact on patients, ADG plays a crucial role in preparing students for careers in healthcare. Through its partnerships with universities and its structured, hands-on training environment, ADG actively supports the development of future healthcare professionals. The success of its volunteers in gaining admission to competitive medical programs highlights the strength and value of this model. ADG is not simply a place to volunteer—it is a space where students are guided, challenged, and equipped to navigate the realities of modern medicine.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage county leadership to renew ADG's contract and reinstate its FY27 funding. ADG provides essential healthcare services to underserved populations while also serving as an important training ground for future providers. Losing this program would not only reduce access to care for vulnerable communities, but also eliminate a meaningful pathway for students dedicated to service and health equity. I strongly believe in ADG's mission and its impact, and I urge you to continue supporting its work.

Respectfully,

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