Objective: To use our NC Healing Grant funds to address the healthcare needs of patients facing various social determinants of health barriers.

Primary Patient Needs: Our patients often encounter financial challenges that hinder their ability to access medications, monitor their health conditions at home, find reliable transportation, and obtain healthy food options.

To address these needs, strategic investments were made in the following areas:

1. Education: Health manuals from Krames and Healthy Heart recipe books.
2. Onsite Testing: Purchased a lipid panel machine for convenient and timely onsite testing.
3. Healthcare Kits: For general health, feminine hygiene, and diabetic care. We also have a limited supply of insulin and purchased blood pressure cuffs for patients.
4. Healthy Food: We have established a partnership with Farm-To-Clinic, a local organization. Beginning in August, they will supply fresh produce sourced from nearby farms and offer nutritional education during each clinic.

• Find a suitable location for our refrigerator for the Farm-To-Clinic partnership.
• Attend a training from McKesson for the lipid machine.
• Implement screening tools to assess social determinants of health. We must use caution to ensure we have community resources to address any identified.
• The recent absence of our lead physician has made innovative approaches to recruit new physicians necessary.

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