



Volunteers at a recent NOMC blood drive

Keeping the Beat Alive: A Clinic Helps New Orleans's Musical Community Stay Strong

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"In New Orleans, a low-cost clinic helps the city's musical community stay strong and healthy.

Two years ago, Lisa Lynn Kotnik awoke with an excruciating headache. The night before, the New Orleans-based jazz and blues singer had been walking home from a gig at a nearby cabaret when she slipped in a dark alleyway, wrenching her neck. Like many musicians, the 44-year-old Kotnik had no health insurance, but instead of simply suffering, she headed to the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic (NOMC), which provides low-cost care to the city's performers.

There, she was referred to a neurologist, and subsequent tests revealed a brain aneurysm. In July 2012, Kotnik had surgery to patch the bulging blood vessel; she was back onstage by Labor Day. "It could have burst at any time or caused a stroke," says Kotnik. "The clinic saved my life."

Founded 16 years ago, the NOMC is the brainchild of Jack McConnell, M.D., a philanthropist and lifelong music fan (his son, Page, is the keyboardist for the band Phish). He joined forces with..."

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