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A MESSAGE FROM BIG CHIEF BO DOLLIS

ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ORLEANS MUSICIANS' CLINIC (EST. 1998)

Dear New Orleans Music Lovers,

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I'm writing you today on behalf of the Dollis family, the Wild Magnolia Mardi Gras Indians and all those other 2499 musicians and tradition bearers who depend on the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic to provide health care - keeping both us AND our culture alive.

Let me tell you first hand why I'm asking for your support for the clinic that means so much to us. By this time in 2005, the New Orleans Musicians Clinic (NOMC) was re-opened and operating, offering both health care and gig support so my fellow musicians and I could come back home. Two years later, when I suffered a massive stroke, the NOMC took care of me and I continue to undergo daily dialysis for kidney failure. Like it has been for so many other

musicians, the NOMC is there every step of the way. The NOMC gives us hope.

Because of the NOMC, New Orleans' musicians no longer face an early grave in the birth city of American Music. It upsets me when I hear that as of January 1, 2014, the NOMC will no longer receive Louisiana Medicaid funds to support the care for 70% of their patients. Because most New Orleans musicians earn less than \$15,000 per year, we are classified as self-employed, working poor who fall into the "sacrifice zone" (with just enough income to disqualify us for state health care assistance, but not enough to qualify for federal assistance in purchasing health insurance).

One thing I do know is that the NOMC will not let us down. I hope we can count on you to support the fact that they are keeping New Orleans music ALIVE in the unhealthiest state in the USA. Our lives depend on it! [Please make a generous donation.](#)

Keeping the Music Alive,



Donating to the NOMC&AF is simple and 100% tax-deductible.

For every \$1 you give, NOMC&AF provides \$3 in medical care to performers and tradition bearers. Here are some examples of how your gift gives back in New Orleans' music community:

\$25	Provides one patient session with a nutritionist, behavioral therapist, or medication management specialist, rounding out the comprehensive medical attention we receive through our primary care clinic.
\$50	One visit to the eye doctor for glaucoma and cataract treatment.
\$75	Sends one of our musicians on a much needed visit to the chiropractor. Instruments are heavy to carry around and can throw anyone's back out of alignment!
\$100	Preserves the hearing of one musician through NOMAF's Save New Orleans Sounds program.
\$175	Provides 5 months' supply of blood pressure medications or one heart monitoring visit with a cardiologist and follow up labs.
\$350	Supplements the Musicians' Clinic cost for one patient's colonoscopy or mammogram, creating more early detection and cancer awareness in our community.
\$500	Provides honorariums for 5 needy musicians through the NOMAF gig fund who perform at nursing homes, schools, and community events.
\$1000	Supports 1 year of care for a New Orleans Musicians' Clinic Patient. It's the gift that keeps on playin!



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Faces of the NOMC is a new initiative of the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic to show the diversity of our 2500 patients. They share the commitment to keep New Orleans culture and traditions ALIVE for the next generation.

If you are an NOMC patient who would like to be involved in this outreach campaign, please email your headshot to office@nomaf.org along with how long you've been a patient and what the clinic's care means to you.

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