

We Care of Polk County

- Initiated in 1998 by Polk County Medical Association and the Polk County Health Department
- Free clinic without walls
- 214 Providers (203 physicians), covering 28 specialties
- Arranged almost **\$8,000,000** in free specialty medical care since 1999
- Criteria: Family income of 200% of FPL or less;
- not eligible for any source of funded medical care (unless provider not available);
- Polk County resident;
- and have a very significant/serious medical condition.

Four Parts of We Care

- 1. Recruit volunteer physicians and other healthcare providers.
- 2. Refer patients to most appropriate source of care.
- 3. Coordinate specialty medical care among our 200+ volunteers.
- 4. Assist patients with pharmaceuticals, durable medical equipment, and diagnostics.

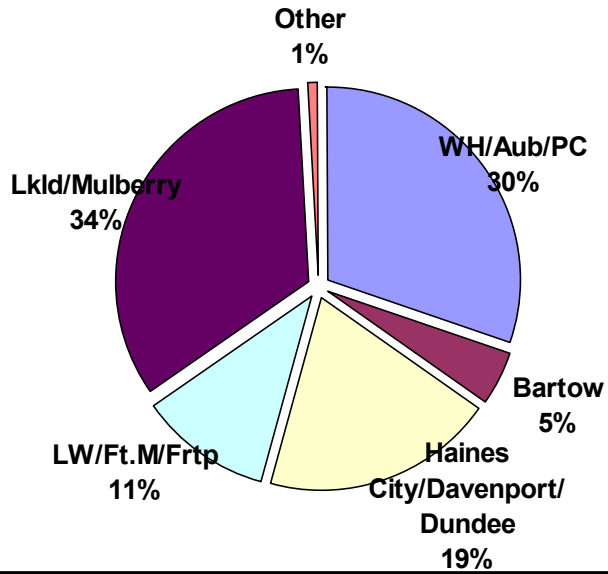
Examples

- Repaired hernias and holes in ear drums; removed gall bladders, thyroids, and cataracts; fixed broken bones; treated glaucoma and torn retinas.
- Treated skin cancers, oral cancers, uterine/ovarian diseases, kidney stones, breast diseases, herniated discs, uncontrolled diabetes, osteomyelitis, gangrene, headaches, Crohn's disease, thyroid diseases, seizures,

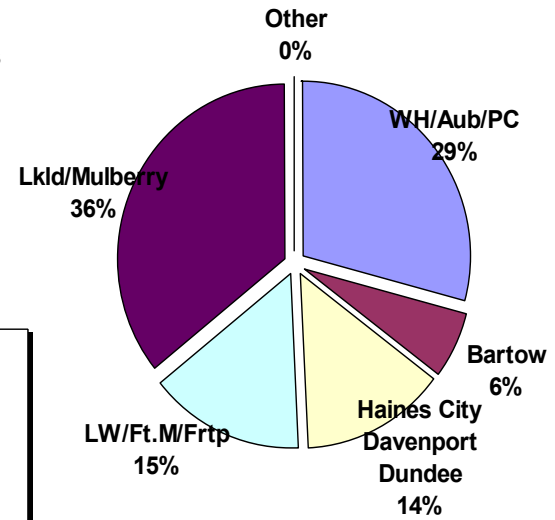
Exclusions

- Anything routine such as Pap smears, screening colonoscopies, etc.
- Joint replacement, cosmetic surgery, birth control or 2nd opinions, or transplants.
- Workers comp cases, disability reviews, or motor vehicle accident injuries.

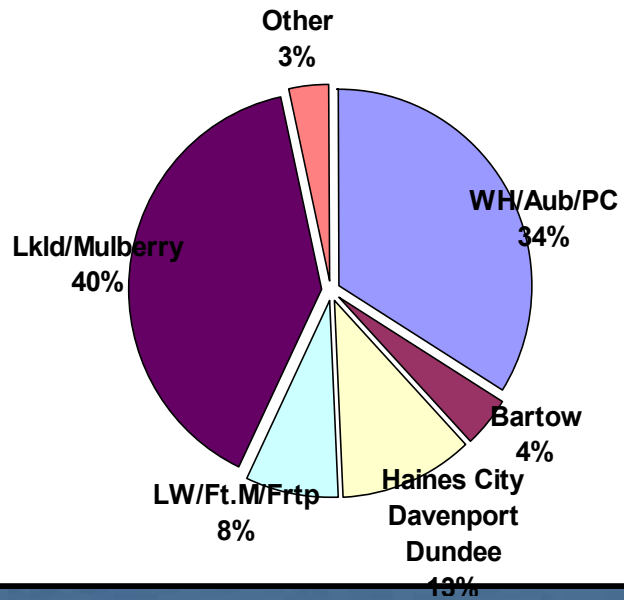
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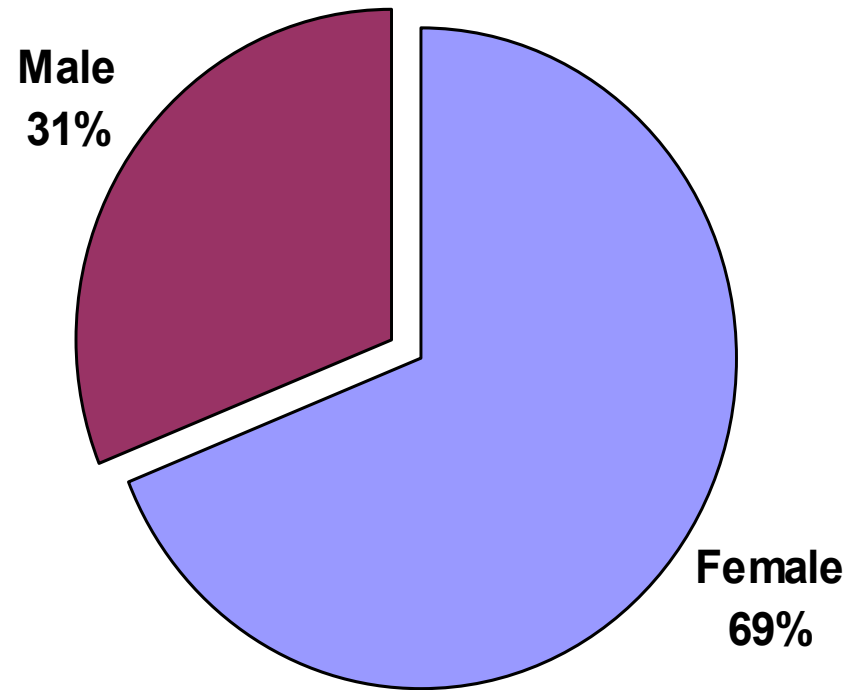
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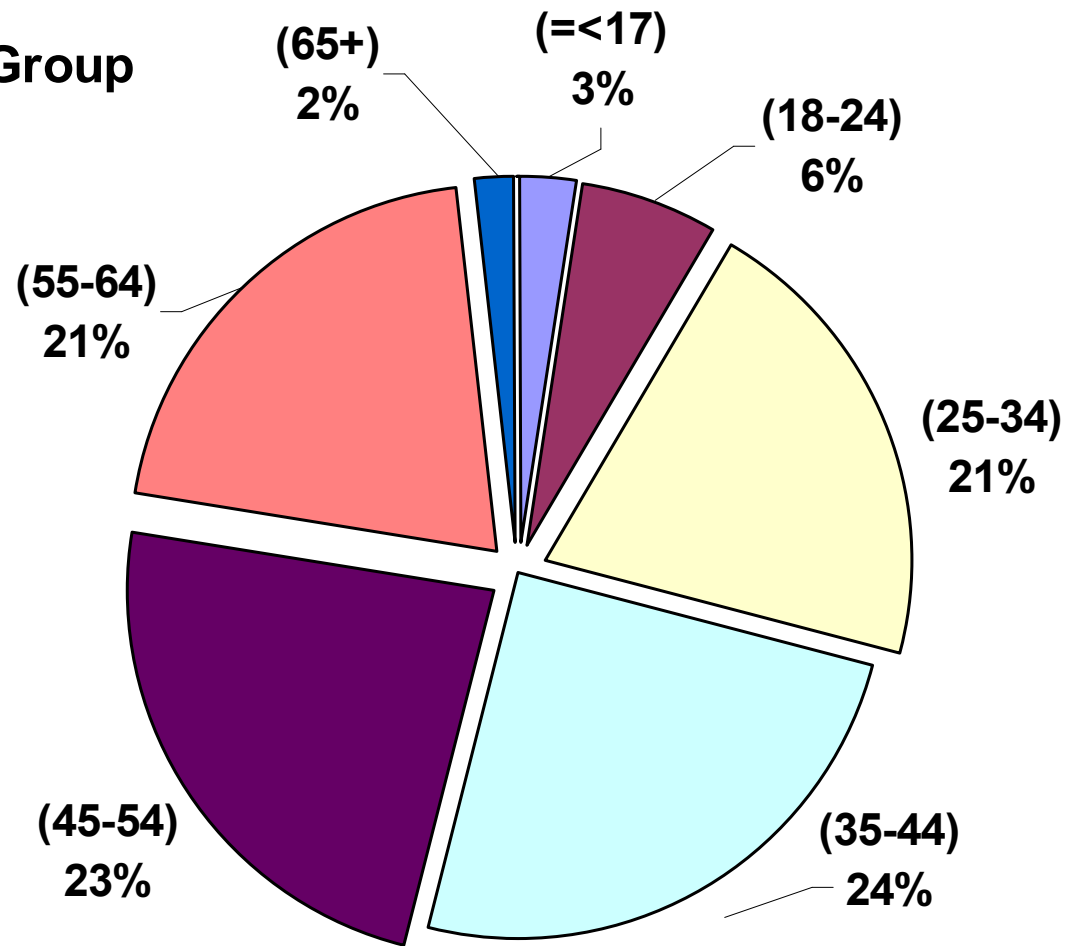
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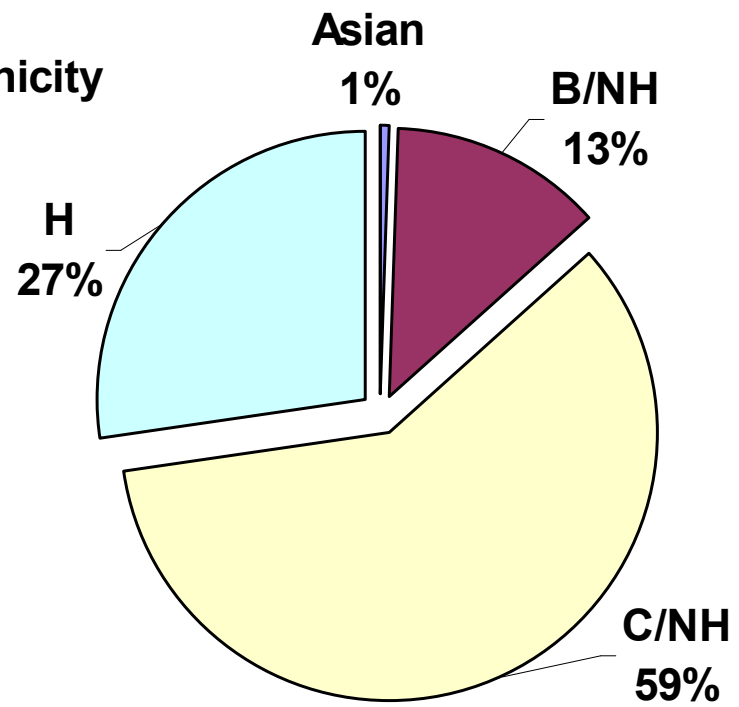
**2007-2009
Referrals by Gender**



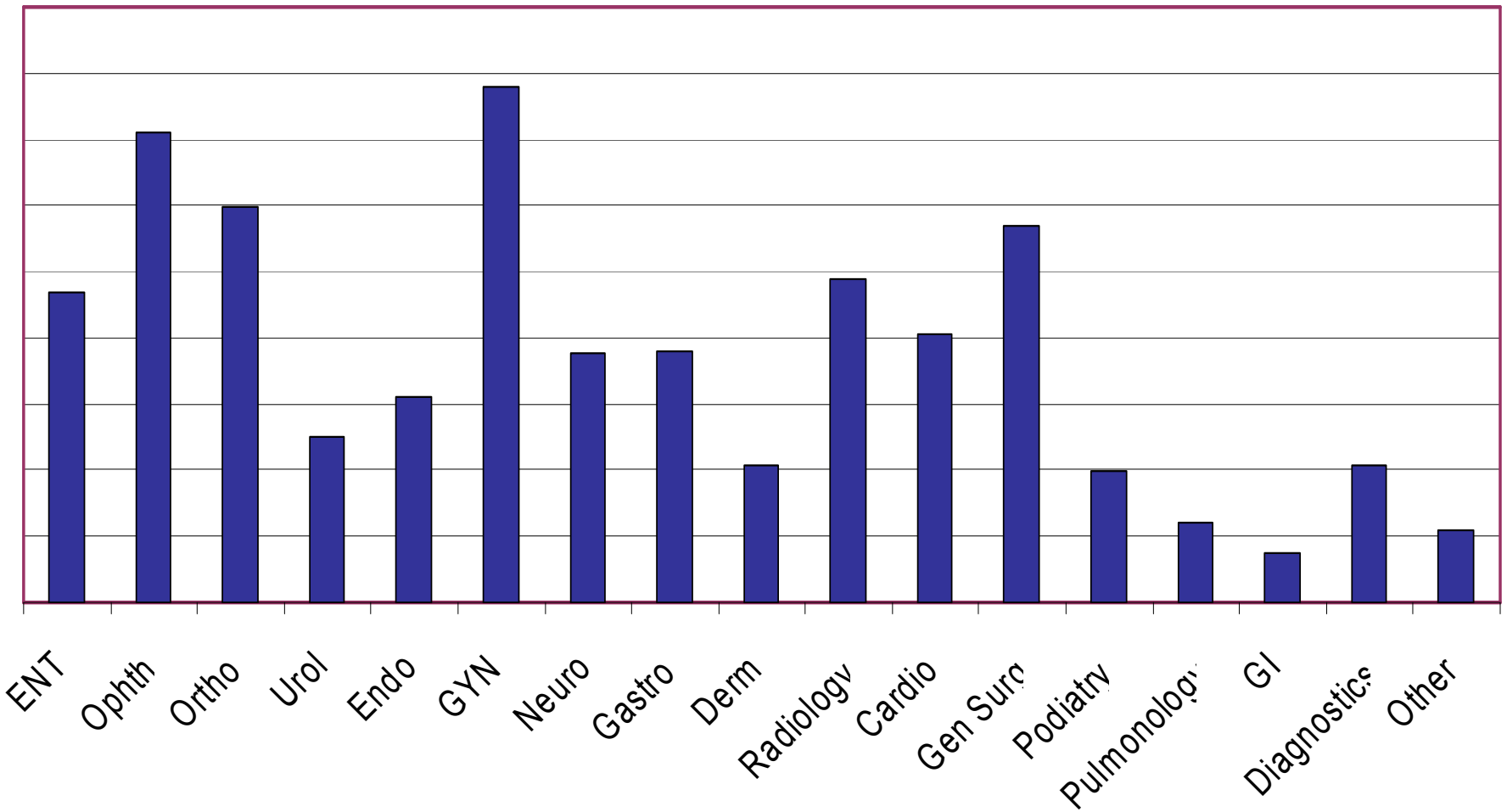
**2007-2009
Referrals by Age Group**



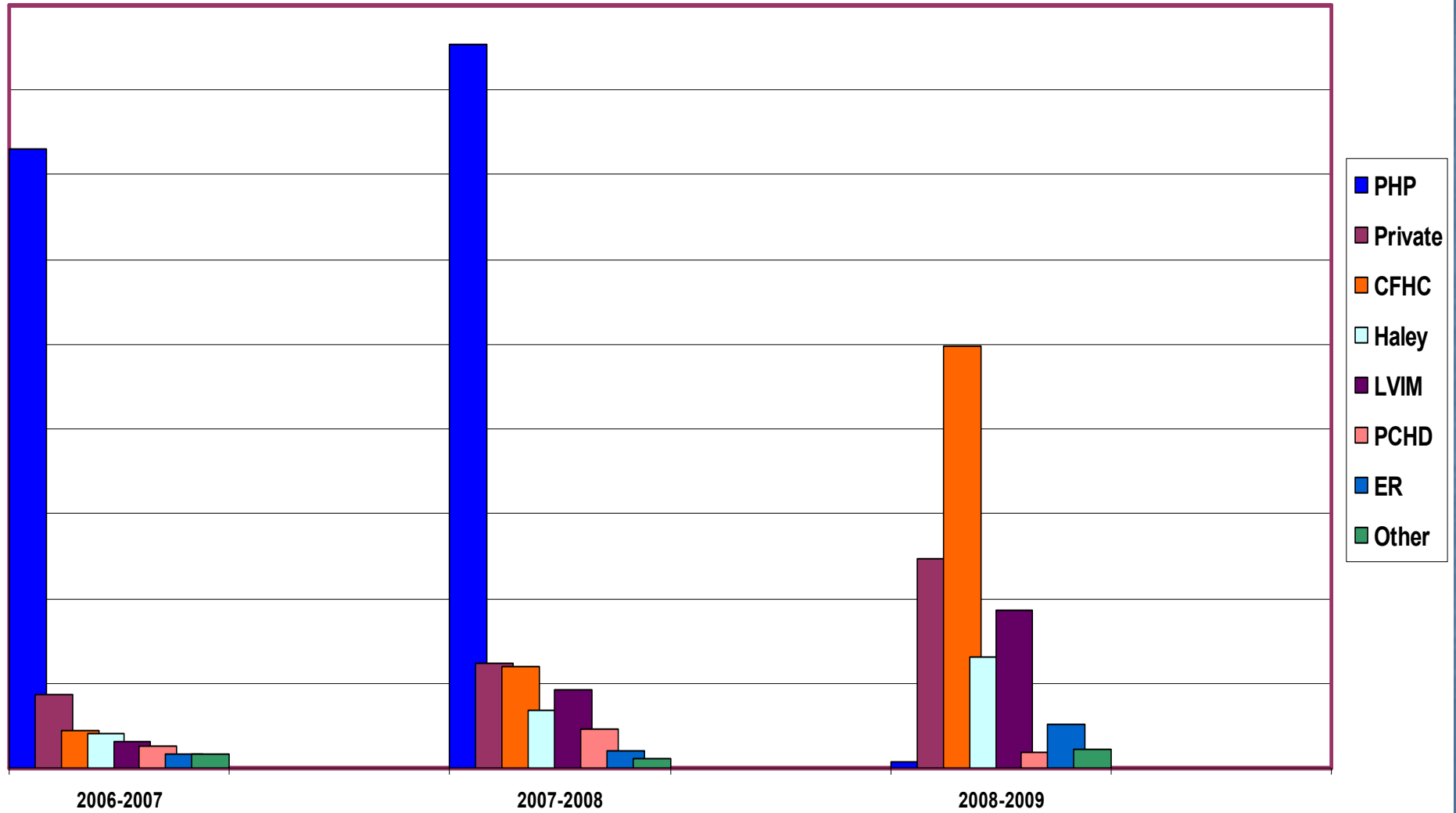
**2007-2009
Referrals by Race/Ethnicity**



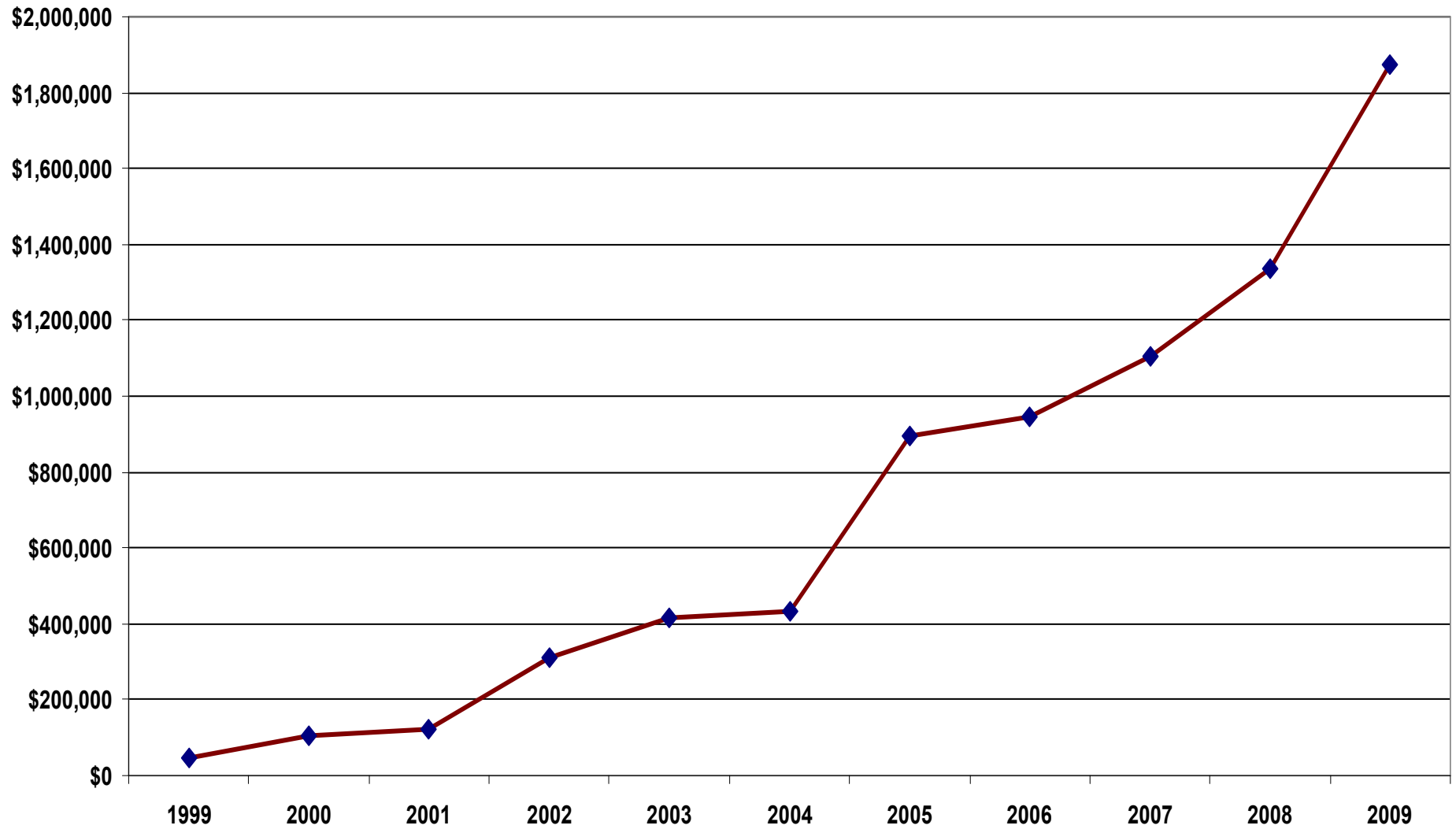
We Care of Polk County Trends of Specialty Referrals



We Care of Polk County Referrals by Source



**We Care of Polk County
Value of Volunteer Services Provided**



In 2009, your financial support

- allowed We Care to bring in an additional \$206,000 in grants;
- and arrange an estimated \$2,000,000 in volunteer medical care.
- The return on your investment is approximately **2,000%**.

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“It made difference to that one.”