Indianapolis, IN – The Centers of Wellness for Urban Women (CWUW) and Gennesaret Free Clinic (GFC) have officially launched a new partnership to increase access to comprehensive health services for uninsured and underinsured women across Marion County.

This collaboration is grounded in a shared mission: expanding access to whole-person health care through coordinated services, including well-woman visits, mammogram screenings, case management, and resource navigation.

Through this partnership, CWUW and Gennesaret will work together to ensure women not only receive clinical care but also the follow-up support needed to address broader health and life challenges. The initiative focuses on closing care gaps by connecting women to critical services, including diagnostic follow-up, mental health resources, family planning, and insurance enrollment.

The partnership between CWUW and Gennesaret aligns with support provided through the Women's Foundation of Indiana's Women in Health Collaborative Fund 2026, which awarded Gennesaret funding to help expand free reproductive and sexual health services for uninsured and underinsured women across Marion County, and support awarded to CWUW from United Way of Central Indiana to provide resource navigation to improve health outcomes.

A key component of the partnership is the integration of a Community Health Worker, staffed by CWUW, who will support patients directly within Gennesaret's Women's Health Clinics.

This role will help ensure continuity of care, improve follow-through on abnormal screenings, and strengthen connections between clinical services and community-based support systems. A portion of the grant funds is specifically designated to help build the GFC/CWUW collaboration by supporting the Community Health Worker.

"This partnership is about making sure women don't fall through the cracks," said Rhonda L. Bayless, Executive Director of CWUW. "Access to care is only part of the equation. Women need support navigating what comes next, and that's where this collaboration makes a real difference."

The partnership will operate from April 2026 through March 2027, with services delivered through Gennesaret's clinic sites and CWUW's community-based programming.

"At Gennesaret, we see every day how gaps in access and follow-up care impact women's health outcomes. This partnership with Centers of Wellness for Urban Women allows us to move beyond isolated clinical visits to a more coordinated, whole-person approach, ensuring women receive not only care, but the support and navigation needed to truly improve their health and wellbeing." Milele Kennedy, Executive Director, Gennesaret Free Clinics.

About Centers of Wellness for Urban Women (CWUW)
CWUW empowers women and their families living in urban communities to take action in their health and well-being through education, advocacy, prevention, and care. Since 2007, CWUW has served thousands of women through holistic, community-based programming.

About Gennesaret Free Clinic
Gennesaret Free Clinic provides free, high-quality health care to individuals experiencing homelessness and others in need in Central Indiana, with a focus on dignity, access, and compassionate service.