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Ruth, like many of many of the patients at the Free Medical Clinic of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, has COPD; and like all of our patients has no health insurance. With temperatures over 95 degrees for a week, it's hard to get through the day, and a gift of a nebulizer and tubing is what makes her able to care for herself and her family and stay out of the emergency room this summer.*

- Karen S., Clinic Manager

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Helping Ruth Breathe Easier

Exam ✓ Medication ✓ Nebulizer - maybe. Healthcare workers at charity clinics often send asthma and COPD patients home with medication and hope the patient can afford the co-pay for a nebulizer necessary to deliver that medicine. Many patients with limited incomes go without, putting their health, and life, at risk.

In 2016, Global Links' Breathe Hope Project ensured that 412 patients left charity clinics with a nebulizer and peace of mind. Thanks to the financial support of our donors, we collect surplus nebulizers from individuals and families throughout the US, refurbish the machines, and provide them to neighbors in need, literally giving them the breath of life.

**not her real name.*

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