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FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Patient Treatment

493 Patients Served
204 Patients on Wait List

Financial

$1,150,697 Value of Care to Patients Treated
$121,602 Value of Donated Lab Services
$3,567 Average Value of Treatment/Case

Since Pennsylvania Program Inception (1996)

5,481 Total Patients Treated
$17,904,275 Total Value of Care to Patients Treated

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