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Gift to Support Women's Health

MU women's group gives \$18,000 to MedZou.

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Fourth-year medical student Mita Patel, BS, BS BA '10, explains the treatment plan to a MedZou patient. With the help of the Mizzou Women Give donation, MedZou is now able to offer women's services. Photo courtesy of MedZou.

Mizzou Women Give, the women's giving circle project at MU, voted to give more than \$18,000 to MedZou. MedZou is a free, student-operated health clinic that provides care for Central Missouri residents. MedZou will use the funds to offer women's health services.

“We are really excited about the possibility of providing women's health services and already have a number of physicians willing to support this project,” says Ashley Kimberling, a master's student in the health administration program and director of business administration for MedZou.

New to campus, Mizzou Women Give selected MedZou as the recipient of its first gift after evaluating proposals from 11 campus organizations. The other finalists were Tiger Pantry and the Trulaske College of Business. MedZou was chosen because of the project's immediate and lasting impact on women's health, the element of community outreach, and the student learning experience.

Mizzou Women Give's membership includes faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends of the university. Each year, donors pool their funds and then decide what projects to support. Anne Deaton, wife of Chancellor Brady J. Deaton, learned about giving circles through a variety of contacts in higher education and has been a driving force in the group's efforts.

“We view Mizzou Women Give as a chance to engage women donors and volunteers,” says Ellen McLain, senior director of development at MU and a Mizzou Women Give member. “This gift shows the power of women working together.”

For more information on Mizzou Women Give, email mclaine@missouri.edu. To support Mizzou Women Give, go to donatetomu.missouri.edu.

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