OpenEMR is Accepting Donations on Open Collective

OpenEMR provides its users and supporters a unique and sustainable way to help fund its operations.

RUTLAND, Vt. - **Jan. 9, 2018** - *PRLog* -- OpenEMR, the most popular open-source electronic health record (EHR) and medical practice management solution, is accepting donations on Open Collective, a platform that has recently gained popularity among open source projects looking to enable future development milestones. This tool provides an easy, secure, and transparent way to financially support OpenEMR.

The Open Collective page for OpenEMR, which can be found here, overviews the solution at a high level and dives into each core category that donations will support. These initiatives include:

Software Development

The OpenEMR community is primarily focused on a project roadmap that includes a module for managing patients with complex diseases remotely, a big data analytics platform, robust cloud solutions, hospitalized patient management, unstructured clinical reports processing, and modern data standards compliance.

With consistent donations from Open Collective, our community leaders believe these roadmap projects will be achieved on a smoother timeline due to more resources for testing and development through smart partnerships.

Information Security Firm Partnerships

The community recognizes security as a critical aspect in successful delivery of healthcare information technology. With donations through Open Collective, a partnership can be made with a security firm to perform routine security audits so that users of the system can continue to deploy best practices in locking down their patient-protected health information.

Expert Technical Writers

The documentation behind OpenEMR can be enriched by donations, in that expert contractors can be hired to curate a visually pleasing and helpful manual for end users.

Micro Computers and Hardware

The community has been exploring small-scale computers, such as RaspberryPi, and low-cost devices to serve as medical devices in both hospital bedside and remote patient monitoring use cases. Low- resource users will be able to take advantage of such affordable devices, programmed to send vitals directly to the system. Donations from Open Collective will be used to configure the hardware and provide a delivery pipeline for end users.

Conferences and Education

To date, individuals in the OpenEMR community have attended and presented at healthcare conferences and hackathons with a limited budget. The community leaders agree that by constantly engaging in these settings, the community will have an optimal understanding of the latest tools, trends, and practices in healthcare information technology and academia.

Marketing and Outreach

All marketing, brand development, and PR work is done by software developers in the OpenEMR community. This approach has been noted to be mixed in terms of outcomes. The community looks forward to using Open Collective donations to hire experts to further evolve the the digital brand and reach more healthcare providers.

"To fully realize this project roadmap and positively impact global healthcare as a result, our project will likely need around $15,000 per month through Open Collective", says Dr. Brady Miller, an OpenEMR Administrator and Medical Oncologist. Dr. Miller went on to say that he is confident in the clinical, project management, and software engineering abilities of his fellow community leaders to successfully execute each project with this funding.

About OpenEMR

OpenEMR is an electronic health record (EHR) system that was originally developed in 2002 by physicians to help them run their practices. As an open-source project, it is maintained and supported by a vibrant community of volunteers and professionals that includes several hundred contributors and is supported by more than 40 companies. OpenEMR is ONC Certified as a Complete EHR, and it is recognized as the most popular open-source electronic health records and medical practice management solution in the world. OpenEMR is downloaded more than 5,000 times per month, and it is estimated that it is used by more than 100,000 medical providers serving more than 200 million patients. OpenEMR has been translated into 33 languages and is used by facilities in more than 100 countries across the globe. Open-source software has changed the world for the better, and OpenEMR is a leader in open-source healthcare software. Costly proprietary EMRs are no longer the only option. For more information please visit http://www.open-emr.org.

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