

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Keeping Broward County's Uninsured Healthy Since 1989!









Message from the Medical Director

This year will mark 12 years since the untimely passing of Dr. Erwin Vasquez, founder of the Light of the World Clinic. His vision of providing quality medical care to those who cannot afford medical care or insurance has been put severely to the test over the past two years with the introduction and spread of Sars CoV- 2 (COVID 19).

This pandemic has affected the entire world and has negatively impacted the care of our patients. Hospitals were forced to shift their focus to the care of those with COVID, resulting in the cancellation of operations, procedures and work-ups that would have been beneficial to the health of our patients.

Our Clinic has not been immune to the effects of COVID. We too were forced to cancel medical procedures for several clients. Many of our medical and non-medical volunteers stopped coming to the clinic for fear of being exposed to COVID. Many of our friends, family and neighbors have either been infected or know someone who has. Our way of life has been severely altered and we've all had to adjust.

Fortunately, we have been able to count on a diehard group of workers who, under the direction of our Executive Director, Sandra Lozano Barry, have continued to work day in and day out despite their own personal problems.

We are also grateful for the medical residents and several of our medical volunteers who continue to care for our patients. I would especially like to commend dermatologist Dr. Richard Johnson who has seen patients at the Clinic every other Saturday for more than 20 years. I do not know what we would do without him.

As we face the challenges of the new year, we are making an urgent plea to physicians in different specialties - especially urology, orthopedics, gynecology, pulmonary, cardiology, ophthalmology and gastroenterology with facility services to help out with one or two days a month. The generous gift of their talents will make a big difference in the health of our patients.

I am positive that we can meet this challenge and, by working together, we can look forward to a year of optimum health outcomes to those in most need.

God bless you all!

Ricardo R. Reyes, MD



Our Mission

Keeping Broward County's Uninsured Healthy Since 1989!

The Light of the World Clinic is a community-based volunteer medical clinic providing free primary and speciality healthcare, screening and diagnosis with medical treatment and counseling to the economically disadvantaged in Broward. By providing medical services to individuals, their families and seniors who are generally without insurance or financial resources to obtain proper health care, we hope to eliminate healthcare disparities in our community.

Our goal is to provide quality healthcare to qualified children, adults and the elderly with special needs and chronic illnesses who are uninsured. We help the underserved, "the working poor" to improve their health, knowledge and living standards by eliminating the cycle of poverty through healthy lifestyle changes, and access to care.







Objectives

- To be a leading organization providing compassionate quality healthcare to those in need by collaborating with volunteers and community partners
- To create a connected healthcare delivery system and to provide primary healthcare services to the underserved (200% below Federal poverty level) at no cost
- To meet the needs of the uninsured, develop an appropriate specialty care referral system and help patients navigate the complex healthcare system in Broward County
- To educate the underserved on the importance of regular healthcare, annual checkups, proper nutrition, healthy lifestyles and use of medications thereby avoiding unnecessary medical emergencies

Expansion and Growth

Since July 1, 2015, the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Holy Cross Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Program created a partnership with the Light of the World Clinic to provide 12 resident physicians supervised by an attending teaching physician to work in the Clinic three days a week. The additional medical volunteers helped the clinic to enhance services and increase the number of uninsured patients by 38%.

Since moving to a new larger location, the Clinic expanded the number of volunteers, increased the number of patients served, and reorganized operations to better serve the expanding needs of the medically uninsured in Broward County. The clinic implemented an Electronic Health Records System (EHR), enabling the volunteers and staff to create and maintain important patient information, demographics, types of services provided, identify emerging needs of those patients, and conduct monitoring and program reporting.

Services Provided

Operating five days a week, the Clinic provides a full range of medical services, intervention, risk factor reduction and prevention education. Volunteer doctors, nurses, and medical personnel help to facilitate these services in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. For those languages that the Clinic does not provide, we request that patients to bring a friend or family member to interpret. On rare occasions, the Clinic also relies on translator applications and services.

The Clinic provides culturally sensitive healthcare training and medical internships to students and volunteers from all medical disciplines through agreements with Florida Atlantic University, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Barry University and Nova Southeastern University.

As a part of its operation, the Clinic provides:

- Intake and Assessment/Medical Treatment
- Case Management and Referrals
- Acupuncture
- Back-to-School Exams and Immunizations
- Cardiology and Diabetes Intervention
- Cholesterol Education and Treatment of COPD and Asthma Control
- Dermatology and Dermatological Surgery
- Diagnostic Screening
- Hearing Testing
- Family Wellness
- Pediatrics/Men/Women's Care/Gynecology
- General and Internal Medicine
- Hypertension Education and Treatment

- Infectious Diseases
- Mammography
- Nephrology
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Ophthalmology/Vision Screening
- Orthopedic Services
- Oral Hygiene, Education, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss Distribution
- Podiatry
- Prevention Education
- Social Service Outreach and Referrals to Community Resources for Healthcare Beyond the Clinic's Scope (specialty care for more advanced care, hearing impairment, neurological, surgery, dental, ultrasound, X-ray, CT/MRI), and Other Social Service and Government Providers







of patients reported a reduction in overnight hospital admissions and emergency room visits since becoming a patient at the clinic.

That's a *cost saving of \$538,750* to the local safety-net hospitals!*

* Based on TCI Rounds calculation for South Florida



of patients reported feeling welcome at the clinic and satisfied with the care given by their provider and reported the quality of care they received was good to excellent!



of patients reported that *overall health has improved* since becoming a clinic patient!

Thank You!

Thanks to the support of our Community Partners, hundreds of families received free primary and specialty healthcare services. Our work empowers children to be healthy and thrive in school and adults to be productive in the community. The Clinic will continue to provide quality healthcare in a sensitive and culturally appropriate manner to the uninsured in South Florida and improve the public and private health care continuum.

Collaborative Partners

- 2-1-1 Broward
- · Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine
- Americares
- Arthritis Foundation
- Bank of America
- Barry University School of Social Work
- Broward Health
- Childnet
- City of Oakland Park
- City of Pompano Beach
- Direct Relief
- · Dr. Sandra Gomez Trainor
- Dr. Fabrizio Amador, DDS
- Epilepsy Foundation
- Faig Family Fund
- · Florida Assoc. of Free & Charitable Clinics
- Florida Atlantic University
- · Florida Department of Health Broward County
- Holy Cross Health
- Holy Cross Health and University of Miami Medical Residency Programs
- Kiwanis Club of Oakland Park
- Leslie L. Alexander Foundation
- Lozick Family Foundation
- Memorial Healthcare Systems
- Mental Health Association of Broward
- Morningday Community Solutions
- National Executive Alliance of Broward
- Nova Southeastern University
- Scott Family Foundation CFB
- · Sertoma Speech & Hearing Foundation of Florida, Inc.
- The K. Allen Family
- United Way of Broward County
- Vaccines for Children Program
- Walgreens Pharmacy
- William Watts Foundation
- Women in Distress
- YMCA Community Health Care Workers

Impact of Partnerships

- Provided an awareness of community resources to economically disadvantaged uninsured individuals
- Helped to offset cultural barriers to new services/ programs and Increased the level of cultural understanding and diversity between the participating programs and agencies
- Improved health equity by helping those medically underserved or uninsured obtain free healthcare, preventative services and education to become healthy and productive
- Improve nutrition of food insecure families by providing access to government programs and benefits, access to food pantries, and food distributed over 2500+ bags of non-perishable food to seniors and patients in need
- Helped uninsured individuals on their way to medical improvement by implementing medication as part of their medical management plan through the receipt of free medications from Americares, Direct Relief, Sanofi Aventis, Bayer, Bristol Meyers Squibb, Ortho-McNeil, Patient Assistant Programs, Lily Pharmaceutical, Novartis, Novo Nordisk and Pfizer Pharmaceutical
- Provided vaccinations (Influenza, Pneumococcal, Gardasil, MMR, HEP A/B, TDAP and Shingrix)
- Provided proper PPE to staff, volunteers and patients to ensure their health and safety
- 118 children received new toys thanks to the holiday toy drive







The Erwin M. Vasquez, M.D. and Elaine Vasquez Family Foundation









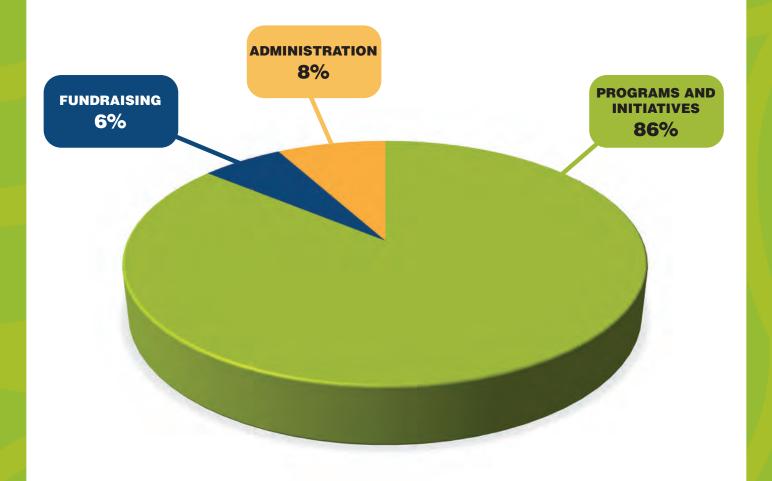






Clinic 2021 Financials

Where your donation goes fiscal year April 30, 2021





Statement of Financial Position

April 30, 2021

ASSETS

Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 747,964
Certificate of deposit	86,363
Grants and donations receivable	74,521
Pharmaceutical Inventory	405,885
Prepaid expenses	8,533
Total current assets	1,323,266
Property and equipment - net	561,118
Other assets - deposit	240
Total assets	\$ 1,885,625
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 17,360
Deferred revenue (contract liability)	6,250
Current portion of mortgage payable less unamortized debt issuance costs	344,188
Total current liabilities	367,798
Commitments and contingencies	
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	1,517,826
With donor restrictions	
Total net assets	1,517,826
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,885,624

Board of Directors

These individuals donate their time and talents to help the less fortunate in Broward County, obtain free quality healthcare services since 1989.

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