



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Keeping Broward County's Uninsured Healthy Since 1989!



Message from the Medical Director



Each year, I am reminded of the profound impact compassionate, accessible healthcare can have on the lives of those who need it most. At Light of the World Clinic, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide high-quality, culturally sensitive care to uninsured and low-income individuals and families regardless of their ability to pay.

Through the dedication of our volunteers, partners, and supporters, the Clinic continues to be a vital lifeline in our community. From primary and specialty care to chronic disease management, diagnostic services, medications, and preventive screenings, we are often the only source of care for our patients. These services are not just important, they are life-saving.

We are seeing growing demand as more individuals and families face barriers to healthcare access. Yet, through every challenge, our commitment has only strengthened. Every patient we serve represents hope restored, dignity upheld, and a healthier future made possible.

As we reflect on our journey, we also honor the legacy of our founder, Dr. Erwin Vasquez, whose vision continues to guide our work more than three decades later. His belief that everyone deserves access to quality healthcare lives on in every life we touch.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, and community partners who make this mission possible. Together, we will continue to ensure that no one in our community is left without care.

With sincere gratitude,

Ricardo R. Reyes, MD

Dr. Ricardo R. Reyes
Medical Director
Light of the World Clinic



Our Vision

A community with access to healthcare for all!

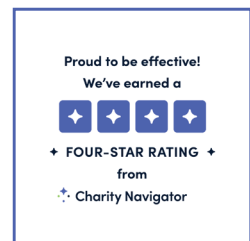
Our Mission

To provide quality culturally sensitive healthcare to uninsured low-income residents of Broward County!

The Light of the World Clinic is a community-based, volunteer-driven medical clinic dedicated to providing free primary and specialty healthcare services—including screenings, diagnosis, treatment, and counseling—to economically disadvantaged residents of Broward County.

By delivering care to uninsured individuals, families, and seniors who lack the financial resources to access essential healthcare, we strive to reduce disparities and improve overall community health.

Our mission is to provide high-quality, compassionate care to eligible children, adults, and elderly individuals with special needs and chronic conditions. We serve the underserved—often referred to as the “working poor”—by promoting healthier lifestyles, expanding access to care, and helping break the cycle of poverty through improved health, education, and well-being.





Our Objectives

At Light of the World Clinic, our mission continues to center on improving access to compassionate, culturally sensitive healthcare for uninsured and underserved residents throughout Broward County. As healthcare challenges continue to grow within our community, the Clinic remains committed to expanding services, strengthening partnerships, and improving health outcomes for vulnerable individuals and families.

Our Objectives

- Strengthen access to high-quality, compassionate healthcare for uninsured and low-income individuals through the dedication of volunteer medical professionals, community partners, and collaborative healthcare networks.
- Expand a coordinated continuum of care that provides no-cost primary and specialty healthcare services for individuals and families living at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Enhance patient navigation and care coordination efforts to help uninsured residents overcome barriers to healthcare access, specialty referrals, medications, diagnostics, and community-based support services.
- Promote preventive healthcare education focused on chronic disease prevention, medication adherence, nutrition, wellness, and healthy lifestyle choices to reduce avoidable emergency room visits and improve long-term health outcomes.
- Utilize technology and data-driven strategies, including the Clinic's Electronic Health Records (EHR) system, to improve patient care, monitor community health trends, enhance operational efficiency, and support continuous quality improvement initiatives.

Services Provided

Operating five days a week, the Clinic provides a full range of medical services, intervention, risk factor reduction and preventative education. Volunteer doctors, nurses, and medical personnel help to facilitate these services in English, Spanish, Creole, and Portuguese. For those languages that the Clinic does not provide, we rely on certified 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:

- Acupuncture
- Audiology
- Back-to-School Exams and Immunizations
- Behavioral Health Services (LCSW)
- Bone Density
- Cardiology
- Certified Diabetic Educator
- Chiropractor
- Cholesterol Education and Treatment
- COPD/Asthma Control
- Dental Referral
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Family Wellness
- General and Internal Medicine
- Gynecology
- Hypertension Education and Treatment
- Infectious Diseases
- Laboratory Services (nominal fee)
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)
- Mammography
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Ophthalmology / Vision Screening
- Pediatrics
- Physical Therapy
- Prescription Assistance*
- Prevention Education
- Pulmonology
- Social Service Outreach
- Ultrasound/X-Ray/CT/MRI
- Urology

*Depending on medical need, we can provide prescription medicines or work with pharmaceutical companies to provide low-cost or no-cost medications on a case-by-case basis for our patients.



"I've been a patient for almost five years, and all the staff are very kind and treat you with respect. It's good to know you can count on them for your needs. Everyone who works there is always smiling and has a very nice manner. The doctors are the same. They treat us with kindness, familiarity, and respect. Thank you for being a part of our lives."

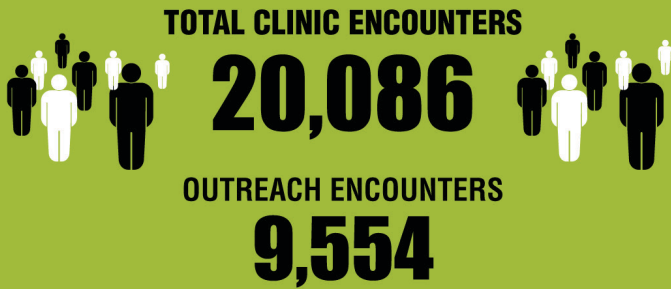
Maria Medi



"Light of The World was the most thorough, caring healthcare experience I've ever had, and being almost 80, that speaks volumes. I'm truly blessed to be in your care. Your staff is the ABSOLUTE BEST!"

Barbara O.

2025 Community Impact Report



SAVINGS TO SAFETY NET HOSPITALS VIA PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS

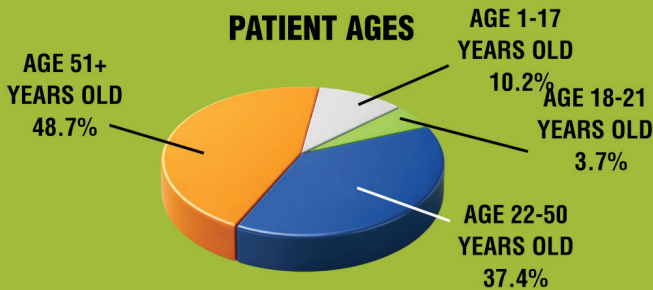
COST SAVINGS DUE TO
 REDUCED HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

\$220,000

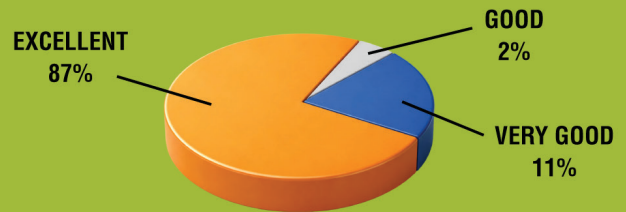
COST SAVINGS DUE TO
 REDUCED EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS

\$137,500

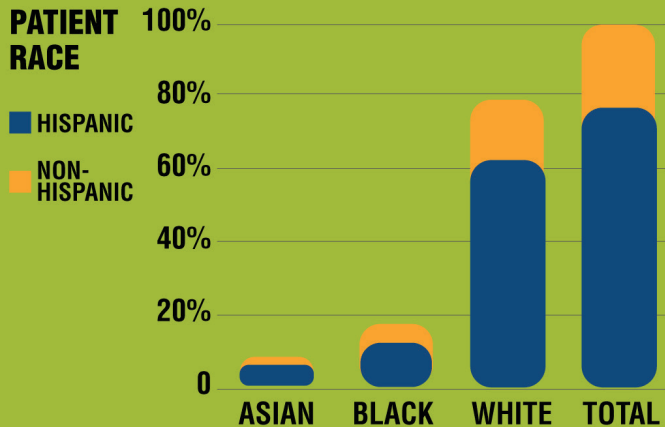
PATIENT AGES



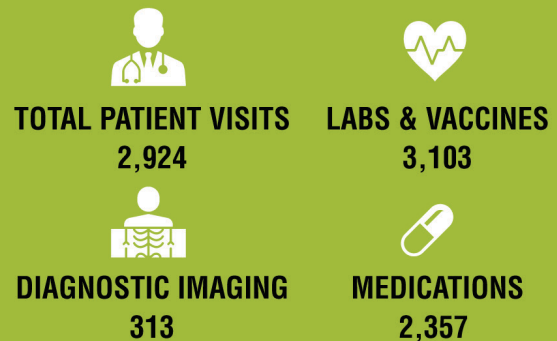
QUALITY OF CARE RECEIVED (PSS)



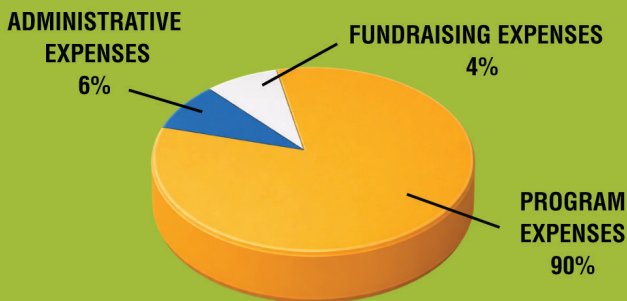
PATIENT RACE



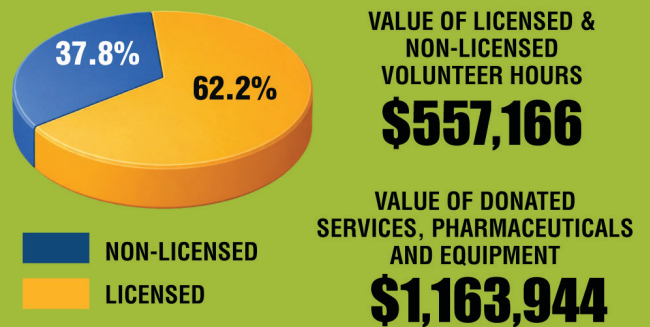
DIRECT PATIENT SERVICES



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



VOLUNTEERS





Thank You to Our Partners!

The Clinic is deeply grateful for the continued collaboration and support of organizations, healthcare providers, educational institutions, foundations, businesses, and community leaders who help advance our mission and improve the lives of uninsured families throughout Broward County.

Collaborative Partners

Community & Human Service Organizations

- 2-1-1 Broward
- Centers for Hearing and Communication
- ChildNet
- Children's Aid Club
- Community Connections Council (C³)
- Community Foundation of Broward
- Feeding South Florida
- Mental Health Association of Broward
- Morningday Community Solutions
- United Way of Broward County
- Women in Distress
- YMCA of South Florida

Educational & University Partners

- Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine
- Barry University School of Social Work
- Florida Atlantic University
- Nova Southeastern University

Government, Civic & Business Partners

- City of Oakland Park
- City of Pompano Beach
- Coral Springs Community Chest
- Florida Association of Free & Charitable Clinics
- Kiwanis Club of Oakland Park
- Nonprofit Executive Alliance
- Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce
- WebMD

Healthcare & Medical Partners

- Americares
- Diversity MRI
- Direct Relief
- Florida Department of Health in Broward County
- Holy Cross Health
- Oakland Park Family Dental
- POM MRI & Radiology Centers
- University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- Vaccines for Children Program
- Walgreens
- Wave Dental
- Who We Play For

Impact of Partnerships

The strength of our partnerships continues to play a vital role in advancing the Clinic's mission and improving the health and well-being of uninsured individuals and families across Broward County.

Through collaboration with healthcare providers, educational institutions, nonprofit agencies, businesses, and government partners, the Clinic has been able to:

- Expand access to free and low-cost healthcare services, specialty care, diagnostics, medications, vaccinations, and supportive services for economically disadvantaged residents.
- Improve health outcomes by connecting patients to preventive healthcare, chronic disease management, mental health resources, nutritional assistance, and care coordination services.
- Increase awareness of critical community resources available to uninsured individuals and families, helping patients navigate healthcare and social service systems more effectively.
- Reduce cultural and language barriers by fostering culturally competent, multilingual care and strengthening collaborative relationships that reflect the diversity of the communities served.
- Strengthen food security efforts by connecting patients and families to nutrition programs, food distribution services, and community-based support resources.
- Enhance access to life-saving medications through pharmaceutical partnerships and Patient Assistance Programs supported by organizations such as AmeriCares, Direct Relief, and multiple pharmaceutical assistance programs.
- Provide access to essential adult and childhood vaccinations.
- Create educational and clinical training opportunities for future healthcare and social service professionals through partnerships with universities, residency programs, and community organizations.

Together, these partnerships help create a healthier, stronger, and more connected community while ensuring that uninsured individuals and families receive compassionate, comprehensive care regardless of their ability to pay.



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



Statement of Financial Position

April 30, 2025

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 740,797
Certificate of deposit	514,191
Grants and donations receivable	77,194
Pharmaceutical Inventory	196,037
Prepaid expenses	20,680
Total current assets	<u>1,548,899</u>
Property and equipment - net	528,641
Total assets	<u><u>\$2,077,540</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

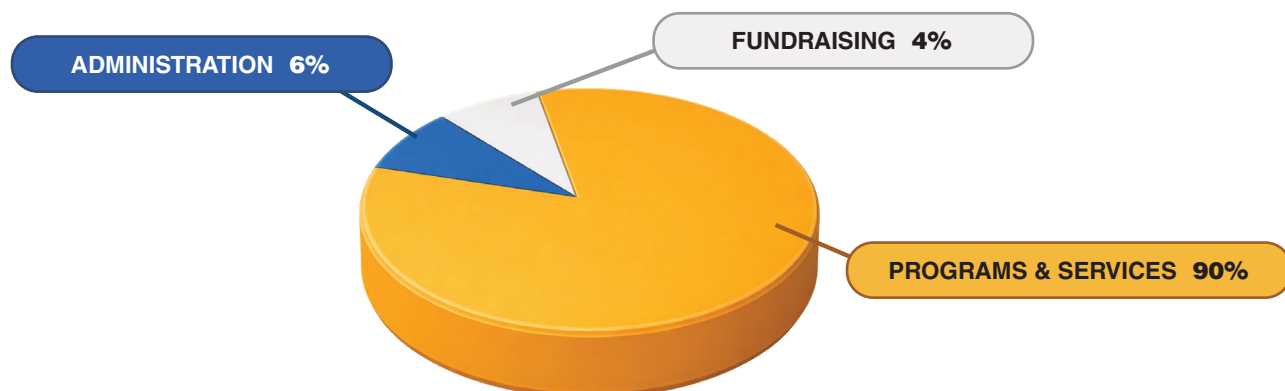
Current liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 21,131
Refundable advances	2,872
Total current liabilities and total liabilities	<u>24,003</u>

Commitments and contingencies

Net assets

Without donor restrictions	2,048,440
With donor restrictions	5,097
Total net assets	<u>2,053,537</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 2,077,540</u></u>



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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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