

VOLUNTEERS

We cannot operate our clinics without volunteers. **Please call (727) 338-8916 to inquire about volunteering.** We need YOU:

- ◆ General Practitioner Physicians
- ◆ Specialist Physicians - Endocrinologist, Gynecologist, Ophthalmologist, Cardiologist
- ◆ Nurses – LPN, RN, NP/FNP, APRN
- ◆ Clerical assistance - register patients, maintain records, make appointments.

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

As a member of the Florida Association of Free & Charitable Clinics, Catholic Charities Free Medical Clinics and its professional volunteers operate under the protection of the State of Florida's 'Sovereign Immunity' doctrine. Accordingly, Catholic Charities and its volunteers are protected against lawsuits unless certain qualifying conditions that waive immunity are met (e.g., malicious purpose or willful disregard for patient safety). For details, read Florida Statute 768.28 Title XLV.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Catholic Charities Free Medical Clinics operate in partnership with many generous medical care organizations, including:



HOW TO DONATE

We encourage individuals and groups to donate cash or items (OTC meds, equipment, supplies).

- ◆ **Groups** – 100 individuals each giving only 82 cents per day for one year donate \$30,000.
- ◆ **Individuals** – give as little as \$9 a day (the cost of a fast-food lunch or two coffees) over three years and donate \$10,000.
- ◆ **Give over Time** – make your gift recurring with no end date or give over 3, 5 or 10 years.
- ◆ **Naming Rights** – are available for buildings and rooms starting at \$5,000. Call for details.

By Check

- ◆ Make check payable to *Catholic Charities DOSP*
- ◆ Include "Medical Clinics" on the memo line
- ◆ Mail to:
Catholic Charities D.O.S.P.
P.O. Box 40430
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0430

By Text

FREECLINIC to 91999

By Phone or Online

Call: (727) 893-1314 ext. 5504
Visit: www.ccdosp.org/donate

Catholic Charities is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Our Federal Tax ID (FEIN) is 59-0875805. Your gift may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.



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Our Mission

To address the basic health care needs of qualifying, low-income individuals who are not covered by insurance or other programs.

THE NEED

Many factors impact the health of our residents: employment, income, access to public transportation, neighborhood quality, educational level, access to safe public spaces (parks) and food insecurity. All these factors - individually and collectively - impact health outcomes. In the Greater Tampa Bay area, many have poor health outcomes and do not have health insurance:

- ◆ 1 in 3 adults with HH income below \$25,000 has no health insurance (only 5% for HH Inc. > \$50K)
- ◆ 1 in 4 adults (ages 26-34) has no health insurance
- ◆ Hispanics are overrepresented in Hillsborough County vs. the State of Florida (118 index)
- ◆ Hispanics suffer disproportionately versus other races in Hillsborough County from diabetes and hypertension (114 and 109 index vs. Whites)

THE SOLUTION

Recognizing the need to provide basic medical care to the underserved population in southeast Hillsborough County, made up largely of migrant Hispanic farm worker families, Catholic Charities established its Free and Charitable Clinics in 2000.

Under the leadership of Bishop Robert N. Lynch, the first clinic opened in Dover, Florida at San Jose Mission (Catholic Charities-owned affordable housing for agriculture-aquaculture employees).

We opened the St. André Clinic in east Pasco county in 2009 to serve a largely identical, low-income population. In 2013, building on our partnership with BayCare Health System (through St. Joseph's Hospital), La Esperanza Clinic opened to serve the Wimauma area.

OUR LOCATIONS

Catholic Charities operates three medical clinics:

San Jose Mission Free Medical Clinic (SJMC)
3228 San Jose Mission Dr., Dover, FL 33527
(813) 707-7416

La Esperanza Free Medical Clinic (LEC)
16640 US Hwy 301 S., Ste 1, Wimauma, FL 33598
(813) 633-2576

St. André Free Medical Clinic (SAC)
37733 Meridian Ave., Dade City, FL 33525
Office: (352) 521-1218 | Cell: (352) 206-8793

OUR SERVICES

We provide the following services **FREE** for patients not covered by insurance or other programs and whose income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty guideline:

- ◆ Primary care: basic medical screenings, diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and injuries.
- ◆ Acute medical care: secondary treatment for short-term illnesses
- ◆ Lab Work (on-site at SAC)
- ◆ Children's Physicals and Immunizations
- ◆ Chronic Disease Management (e.g., arthritis, diabetes and hypertension)
- ◆ Gynecology Exams (e.g., ultrasound, breast exams, pap smears)
- ◆ Vision Screening (SJMC and SAC)
- ◆ Assist patients navigate health care system
- ◆ Dental Referrals

SERVICE DAYS AND TIMES

San Jose Mission:

- ◆ Mondays 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- ◆ Mental Health Clinic: 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month (3:00 - 7:00 pm)

By Appointment Only – Call Ahead

- ◆ Diabetes/Hypertension Clinic: once monthly
- ◆ Gynecology Clinic: three days each month
- ◆ Psychiatrist: one day every other month
- ◆ Ultrasound: one day every 3 months
- ◆ Vision Clinic: once quarterly (Sat: 1-3pm)

La Esperanza:

- ◆ Tuesdays 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- ◆ Mental Health Clinic: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month (3:00 - 7:00 pm)

By Appointment Only – Call Ahead

- ◆ Diabetes/Hypertension Clinic: once monthly

St. André:

- ◆ 2nd & 4th Saturdays (8:30 - 11:30 am)

By Appointment Only – Call Ahead

- ◆ Gynecology Clinic: one day every two mos.
- ◆ Vision/Diabetes Clinic: two days annually (one day each in the Spring & Fall)
- ◆ Specialty Clinic (multiple specialists): being planned for one day every quarter.

STAFFING

Our clinics are staffed by medical professionals: a clinic administrator, an APRN, a registered nurse trained in the specialty practice of Faith Community Nursing and a resource assistant.

Physicians volunteer weekly and additional volunteers assist with registration and other clerical work. **Please call (727) 338-8916 to volunteer.**