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A Gift of Grace

A powerful act of kindness recently turned heartbreak into hope at Guadalupe Clinic. After our beloved Our Lady of Guadalupe statue was vandalized, one of our longtime patients stepped forward with an extraordinary gesture—we were gifted a brand-new statue.

This patient, who has received care at the Clinic for many years, said the Virgin has always been a source of comfort and protection in their life, just as Guadalupe Clinic has been. Upon hearing of the damage to the statue, they felt moved to replace it as a sign of gratitude for the care they've received and in honor of Our Lady.

The new statue now stands beautifully in place, reminding us daily of the strength of our community, the deep faith that surrounds our mission, and the healing that goes beyond medicine. We are incredibly humbled and thankful for this selfless gift.

Even in moments of hardship, compassion shines through.

A note from our Executive Director

Dear Supporters,

Gratitude is something I try never to take for granted. It's a powerful feeling, one that can bring true joy. Today, I'm especially grateful for the mission of Guadalupe Clinic and our patients, volunteers, and benefactors. In my 65 years, this has been the most meaningful work of my life. Every day, I see compassionate care given to the "working poor" and poor. Our volunteer providers and staff help restore and maintain their health so they can work, care for their families, and live with dignity. Over two years ago, we launched our vision clinic because clear sight is essential for work and daily living. Now, our board's new three-year strategic management plan has prioritized another critical need—basic dental services for our patients. At the same time, patient visits have grown by more than 35% in the past two years and continue to rise. We have more volunteer doctors eager to serve; hence, our six exam rooms can no longer meet the demand.

That is why we are launching Campaign Cares. This is to add basic dental services and six new patient exam rooms, positioning Guadalupe Clinic to serve our community for the next decade and beyond. It's been 25 years since our last renovation, and now is the time to prepare for the future.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to improve the lives of our patients, easing some of the burdens they carry. And I'm equally grateful for you—for your generosity, support, and belief in our mission.

Thank you,



Our Mission::

As missionary disciples of Christ, and with other people of good will, Guadalupe Clinic works to provide access to quality health care for people in need.

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Rubi's Impact

For the past four years, Rubi has been a dedicated and compassionate presence at Guadalupe Clinic. She began her journey as a Medical Assistant at the front desk and quickly transitioned into the vital role of Referral Specialist —where her commitment to connecting patients with life-changing care truly shines.

In 2024 alone, Rubi submitted 448 patient referrals to Project Access. Of those, 350 were approved, 46 deferred, 31 denied, 13 withdrawn, and 8 remain under review. Through these efforts, 178 Guadalupe patients were newly enrolled in Project Access, while a total of 234 patients received services—some carried over from previous years and others newly served in 2024.

Thanks to Rubi's persistence and follow-through, these patients received over \$2 million in donated care:

\$353,842.98 in services provided by physicians

\$1,661,362.26 in hospital care

Her role doesn't stop at referrals. Rubi also managed 1,380 imaging requests in 2024, including ultrasounds, CTs, MRIs, mammograms, X-rays, and more. Additionally, she coordinated 480 free X-rays through Kansas Mobile Imaging, which generously provides 10 no-cost X-rays every week.

Rubi's dedication, problem-solving, and deep compassion make her an essential part of the Guadalupe Clinic team. She is a true advocate for our patients and a driving force behind their access to specialty care.

Locations:

South St. Francis 940 S. St. Francis Wichita, KS 67211 (316) 264-6464

South Hillside 2825 S. Hillside Wichita, KS 67216 (316) 201-1986

Exciting Updates Coming!

Guadalupe Clinic is entering an exciting new chapter! It has been 25 years since our St. Francis location was last renovated, and the need for updates has become increasingly clear. In addition, our newly developed three-year strategic plan prioritizes the introduction of basic dental services—a critical and much-needed addition to the care we provide.

This fall, we will publicly launch Campaign Care, a special fundraising initiative to support these efforts. Before the official launch, we're inviting volunteers, supporters, and friends of the Clinic to join us for a brief gathering to learn more about what's ahead, ask questions, and enjoy light refreshments.

Upcoming Sessions:

Monday, September 8 at 11:00 AM Thursday, September 18 at 12:00 PM Wednesday, September 24 at 2:00 PM Thursday, September 25 at 8:00 AM

To RSVP, please contact Morgan Cook at **morgan@guadalupeclinic.com** or call (316) 264-6464 ext. 213. We look forward to sharing these exciting plans and the next steps in our mission to serve the community.

40th Anniversary Celebration!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Guadalupe Clinic's 40th Anniversary Dinner! The evening was a beautiful celebration of four decades of service, honoring the donors, volunteers, and community members who make our mission possible.

Special thanks to our generous dinner sponsors — Stroot Locker, Texas Roadhouse, and Native American Enterprises — and to Brad Fitts for preparing the delicious meal. We also want to extend a thanks to St. Catherines for hosting. We were also proud to recognize Virginia Stinson with the Marlein Dreiling Award and Dr. Joel Wiegand with the Dr. Thomas Hays Award for their outstanding commitment to the clinic.

We're grateful to each person who attended and continues to support our mission of providing quality healthcare to those in need, regardless of ability to pay. Here's to the next 40 years!



Joel Weigand, M.D.



From Crisis to Hope

<u>Health</u> Foundation Board:

About a year ago, a patient came to Guadalupe Clinic after experiencing a traumatic event. He was first seen by Kayla, one of our newly hired counselors. During that very first session, he suffered a severe panic attack that required EMS intervention.

Recognizing the urgency of his situation, Kayla referred him to Shelly, our most experienced counselor. At that time, he was living in a constant state of "fight or flight," experiencing debilitating panic attacks that kept him from working and severely impacted his daily life.

When therapy began, his emotions were muted, and he showed little to no response during sessions. But Shelly patiently built trust, validated his experiences, and helped him understand that his reactions were normal responses to trauma—not signs of "being crazy." Over time, this understanding began to lift the weight of stigma.

As trust grew, he opened up about what mattered most to him—his children. Identifying them as his greatest motivation became a turning point in his healing journey, giving him hope and a renewed sense of purpose.

This story is a powerful reminder of the difference accessible, culturally competent mental health care can make—especially in communities where stigma and misunderstanding often keep people from seeking help. At Guadalupe Clinic, we believe no one should face trauma alone, and with compassionate care, recovery is always possible.

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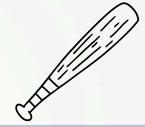
Leave a Legacy

Remember Guadalupe Clinic in your will to leave a legacy and help sustain our mission for many years

Guadalupe Windsurge Game Night - A Home Run!







Our annual Guadalupe Clinic Night at the Wichita Wind Surge was a big success! Thanks to our amazing supporters, nearly 1,900 tickets were sold for the game, a major increase in sales over the past couple of years!

Not only was it a great evening of baseball, food, and fun, but the event also helped raise vital support for Guadalupe Clinic's mission of providing quality, accessible healthcare to those in need.

We are so grateful to everyone who purchased tickets, brought friends and family, and joined us at the ballpark. Your support makes a real difference in the lives of our patients and in the health of our community.

Welcome Our New Volunteers!

- Wendy Chavez Interpreter
- Evlin Duran Nurse
- Freidy Eid Cardiologist
- Kristopher Hammer Nurse
- Ashley Hernandez Interpreter
- · Lynn Lam Nurse

- Paige Long Scribe & Medical Assistant
- Josephy Meouchy Nephrologist
- · Maha Mohamad Rheumatologist
- Philippe Nabbout Urologist
- TriNyse Wallace Scribe
- Jia Wen Wang Scribe & Medical Assistant



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