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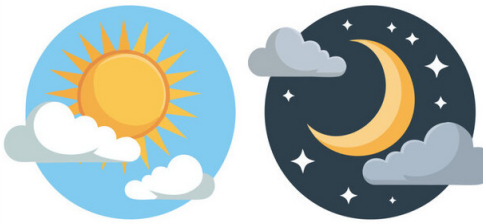


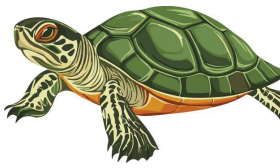
An unfortunate reality in our country is that about 1 in 5 adults struggle with low literacy skills, a challenge that disproportionately affects people in high poverty communities. Many of the patients we serve come from these communities and some face similar challenges with reading and comprehension.

Marcello's story illustrates how these challenges can affect a person's health. Marcello is a middle aged man who has struggled with poorly controlled type 2 diabetes and hypertension. His diabetes has led to several complications, including recurrent infections, ulcers, and abscesses.

Before coming to Guadalupe Clinic, Marcello had sought care from several other providers. Despite receiving medication, his blood sugar levels remained difficult to control, and his A1c levels showed little improvement. When Marcello came to Guadalupe Clinic, we knew we needed to find a treatment plan that worked for him before his condition led to further complications. Jennifer, one of our physician assistants, and Carmen, her medical assistant, worked together to develop a plan tailored to his needs. However, after several appointments, they noticed that his A1c levels had not improved, despite his taking medication, just as they had not at the other clinics.

Jennifer suspected there might be an underlying issue. She asked Marcello to bring all his medications to his next appointment. When she reviewed them, she noticed that the amounts he was taking did not match the prescribed dosages. When she asked Marcello about his medication routine, he was unable to explain how he was taking them.

Jennifer realized that Marcello had difficulty reading. To protect his dignity, she did not directly bring up the issue. Instead, she worked with Carmen to develop a simple visual system to help him understand when and how to take his medications.



They used pictures to make the instructions easier to follow. Fast acting insulin was marked with a rabbit, while slow acting insulin was marked with a turtle. Nighttime medications were labeled with a moon, while morning medications featured a rising sun.



At Marcello's next appointment, Jennifer and Carmen could see the difference. His A1c levels had improved, showing that the new approach was helping him better manage his diabetes.

The care Marcello received at Guadalupe Clinic depended on more than medication alone. He needed frequent follow up appointments to monitor his A1c levels, a care team that understood the challenges he faced, and providers who treated him with the same dignity and patience they would offer their own family.

Marcello's story is a testament to the persistence of a team dedicated to finding solutions for patients who need them most. By looking beyond the diagnosis and understanding the individual, Guadalupe Clinic can help patients overcome barriers to care and take meaningful steps toward better health.

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A Letter From Executive Director, J.V. Johnston

Dear friends,

After eight long months of construction, we are finally nearing the finish line.

The new space will transform how we care for our patients. The improved layout will support more efficient patient care, while an additional lane will expand the capacity of our vision clinic. We have also created a dedicated space for our new dental services. Together, these changes will help our staff and volunteers serve more people with greater comfort and efficiency.

We expect to move into the renovated space by mid-November, with dental services beginning in December. All are invited to our celebration on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Saturday, December 12th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**.

As our services expand, our development team is focused on securing the clinic's long-term financial strength. When I arrived in 2020, Guadalupe Clinic operated with an annual budget of $1.2 million and had 6,600 annual patient visits. Today, our budget is $2.4 million, and we expect to exceed 13,000 patient visits this year.

That total includes approximately 1,200 vision visits and an estimated 600 dental visits during the first six months of dental operations. Because vision and dental care carry a higher cost per visit, a full year of dental services will increase our annual budget to approximately $2.6 million.

This growth brings new financial responsibilities, but it also reflects something extraordinary: Guadalupe Clinic is reaching more people and meeting more of our community's most urgent needs.

Thank you for your continued generosity, your commitment to our mission, and the vital role you play on our team. Together, we are building a stronger Guadalupe Clinic and expanding our ability to care for those who need us most.

God bless,



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.

Rounding the Corner

Phase 2 of our renovations is almost complete! In November, our eight month renovation project will finally come to fruition. We are excited to open our new dispensary, additional patient rooms, and dental services to the patients we are proud to serve.

In less than a year, we have transformed our clinic into a more modern, welcoming space designed to better meet our patients' needs. These improvements will allow us to serve more patients and expand access to essential healthcare services. We look forward to welcoming patients into these new spaces and continuing our mission of providing quality care to those who need it most.

Front Desk



Patient rooms



Dispensary



Collaboration Area



The Value of Volunteers

Volunteers have long played an essential role in the care we provide at Guadalupe Clinic. Every year, individuals from all walks of life come together to contribute thousands of hours of service, helping ensure our patients receive the quality care they deserve.

We currently have more than total 85 volunteers who provide a wide variety of services. Some volunteer as optometrists, nurses, and physicians, while others help patients apply for medication assistance programs, verify prescription labels, or keep the clinic tidy. Each volunteer plays an important role in our mission, and we are grateful for the time, skills, and compassion they share with our patients.

No matter how they serve, our volunteers help ensure that our patients receive the care and respect they deserve.





Bikes & Breakfast

On September 19, supporters of Guadalupe Clinic gathered for our annual Bikes & Breakfast fundraiser. Riders woke up at the crack of dawn to beat the day's heat and take on our 30 mile ride. After completing the ride, participants returned to the clinic to enjoy delicious breakfast tacos, beans, and potatoes provided by our friends at Molino's. The meal gave riders a chance to refuel and enjoy time together after their morning on the road.

The event was a success, and it was wonderful to see so many supporters come together to share their passion for cycling while supporting the mission of Guadalupe Clinic.

A big shoutout to everyone who showed up as well as, Davis-Moore, Molino's, Bicycle Pedaler, and Professional Landscaping Services for making this event possible.



A Path Toward Independence

James is a young adult with limited mobility in his arms and legs. He has used a wheelchair throughout his life and has encountered many challenges while managing everyday activities.

Despite his young age, James has experienced serious financial and housing insecurity. There were times when he had to ask for help outside grocery stores simply to make it through the day. He never asked for money, only for something to eat. His family situation made matters worse. Although his disability limits his ability to work, James's father required him to pay to remain at home. Eventually, James had nowhere else to turn and found himself living on the streets.

James first came to Guadalupe Clinic as a walk-in patient seeking treatment for worsening asthma, which had been aggravated by his living conditions. Jennifer, our physician assistant, provided him with a much-needed inhaler, however she recognized that medical care alone would not address all the challenges he faced.

Jennifer referred James to Nelly, our patient advocate, who helped him apply for disability benefits. James had struggled with the application process before, and Nelly's guidance made it easier for him to navigate.



Through Guadalupe Clinic's community partnerships, James also received essential supplies to support his daily needs. The clinic provides personal care products donated by Simply Hygiene, as well as nutritional drinks and other food items donated by the Kansas Food Bank.

Since coming to Guadalupe Clinic, James's circumstances have improved significantly. He now has his own apartment, works part time, and is in the process of receiving disability benefits. His journey is far from over, but he has made meaningful progress toward greater stability and independence.

At Guadalupe Clinic, we understand that caring for our patients means seeing the whole person, not just addressing an immediate medical concern. By connecting people with practical resources, and continued support, we help them build healthier, more stable lives. We will continue working alongside James as he moves toward the security, independence, and quality of life he deserves.

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