



# GUADALUPE TIMES

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## Clinic's Vision Services Expand to Include Uninsured Children

Guadalupe Clinic now provides eye exams to uninsured children 7-17 years old! While most children have access to eye exams through private or state insurance, this is unfortunately not the case for all – specifically those who are undocumented.

Recently, Dr. Emily Johnson met Ana, a 12-year-old who had recently immigrated to Wichita from Mexico. Speaking only Spanish, Ana shared that she was living with relatives while she and her mother looked for more permanent housing. She had broken her glasses and was having a hard time seeing, especially at school. When Dr. Johnson tested Ana she found a significant prescription of 20/40. This means that what Ana can clearly see from 20 feet away, a person with healthy vision would be able to see from 40 feet



away. She says, “Ana is a perfect example of how common it is for children to pass vision screens at school, when in fact they see letters and numbers as blurry. A fuzzy letter is still a letter when they are reading the eye chart.”

With the help of Dr. Johnson, CAIRN Health, and Rochester Labs, Anna has a new pair of prescription glasses. She can now improve her visual acuity, see details in the distance, and focus on learning at the same level as her classmates without added strain and blur.

This expansion of our services has illustrated that a pair of glasses can change the course of a person's future and especially at a time when a child is reading to learn.

## 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.

## Locations

### South St. Francis

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### South Hillside

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## Clinic Provides Christmas Food Boxes and Gifts

Every year, Guadalupe Clinic continues the longstanding tradition of Christmas food boxes for our patients and their families. This year, we were able to help 100 families.

Special thank you to Harlow Aerostructures, Central Kansas Podiatry Associates, and Garvey Kansas Foundation for sponsoring this effort and St. Francis of Assisi, Church of the Magdalen, St. Mary's Derby, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Vincent de Paul, and Associates in Women's Health for collecting presents on our behalf. Medical and non-medical volunteers spent hours wrapping each gift so every child received an extra surprise or two on Christmas morning. Thank you to KSCOM and the Oxychem team for putting together a group of volunteers, along with everyone else who devoted their time.

The food boxes include not just the family's Christmas dinner, but also food to help stock their cupboards for the entire week. They are a modest effort to relieve some of the burden patients face around the holidays.



# Dr. Hett Serves at Guadalupe for Many Reasons

Why do I volunteer at Guadalupe Clinic?

I was first interested in volunteering at the Clinic so that I could participate in teaching students from the JayDoc Community Clinic as well as those studying at the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (KSCOM).

As I began to serve the Clinic in a preceptor role, it also proved to be an opportunity to introduce students to the barriers imposed on patients by our current healthcare system, and to challenge those students to help be the solution to those barriers as they advance through their careers. At Guadalupe Clinic medical students meet wonderful people who are living in poverty because of their circumstances, not by choice, and who are striving to work themselves and their families out of it. It is not only an opportunity for them to practice their medical skills, but also to learn to be compassionate listeners to the patients sitting in front of them.

That said, the most compelling reason I volunteer is to serve the poor. It is an obedience to the way of Christ. Guadalupe Clinic's patients are outcast by the healthcare system. They are hurting and have no means to pay for the needed resources to address their health



*Dr. Ed Hett pictured with Guadalupe Clinic staff and KSCOM students at the South Hillside clinic.*

problems. These are individuals who are extremely grateful to have someone listen to their concerns and then work to find ways to meet their complex medical needs. Any health problem or illness threatens their ability to work, often low-paying jobs with no benefits, and

in turn threatens their ability to buy food and provide shelter. By volunteering, I feel I can help them through their struggle. In the past year I've not met one patient who was ungrateful or unappreciative for the help they received. Most are even willing to follow through on the treatment plan we develop with them.

Other reasons to volunteer at Guadalupe Clinic are the ease of seeing patients and the staff. As a retired physician, the Clinic's model and EMR allow me to see patients without the encumbrance of the larger medical system. Documentation is relatively straightforward and the EMR easy to learn and navigate. The staff also do a wonderful job of sharing additional resources with volunteers and patients to help connect them to services and procedures outside the scope of Guadalupe Clinic. It is a pleasant place to volunteer where everyone shares a vision of serving the poor and bringing some help and comfort to those in need.

## MATCHING GIFTS

You can increase the impact of your donation with a corporate matching gift from your employer!

## DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Without losing your reward points, give back every time you shop at Dillons!

## LEAVE A LEGACY

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

# Old Town Walkabout

The 29th annual Midwest Winefest kicks off on Thursday, April 25, at the Old Town Walkabout. Festivities are from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm across Wichita's Old Town district. **New this year:** Guests will check in at the Farm and Art Market Plaza **OR** the Old Town Square (the area between the Warren Theater, Sabor, and Old Chicago), where they receive their wine glass, food plate, and wristband. The Plaza features eight wine and food stops, with an additional twelve stops located throughout Old Town.

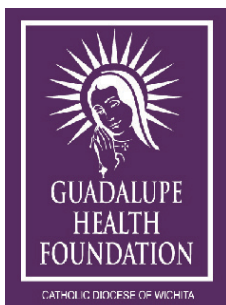
Put together a group of friends and get your tickets early - we expect to sell out again in 2024! Tickets are \$75\* for unlimited wine and food across the event. As always, all proceeds from the Midwest Winefest benefit the Guadalupe Health Foundation whose primary beneficiary is the patients of Guadalupe Clinic.

*\*Due to high demand, ticket prices will increase on April 11th to \$85 per ticket and increase to \$100 per ticket on the day of the event if available. Must be 21+ to attend, only 1,000 tickets available.*



## Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a group of 2-3 friends? Are you looking to give back to your community and have fun, all while supporting a great cause? Consider signing up to volunteer at the Old Town Walkabout!



*Volunteer positions include:*

- *Pouring wine samples*
- *Distributing food samples*
- *Scanning tickets*
- *Checking in volunteers*
- *Monitoring the silent auction*
- *Set up and tear down*

Most shifts are approximately 4 hours long and occur during the event, but some (like set up) begin as early as 1pm on event day. To learn more and sign up, visit: [www.MidwestWinefest.org/volunteer](http://www.MidwestWinefest.org/volunteer)

# Reserve Room

Make plans to attend Midwest Winefest's Reserve Room on Saturday, April 29, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Distillery 244 in Old Town. Enjoy high-end wines, sponsored by LDF Companies, and delectable small plates prepared by two of Wichita's finest restaurants. After dinner, bid on Winefest's famed live auction items, including outstanding experiences and wines from some of the best collectors in Wichita. Tickets are \$250 and can be purchased individually or in tables of 8.



*Tickets for all events are on sale now!*

*To purchase tickets, scan the QR code  
or visit: [www.MidwestWinefest.org](http://www.MidwestWinefest.org)*

## GOLDEN TICKET

ONLY 100 SOLD

The Golden Ticket allows one lucky winner to choose any live auction item before the bidding event starts! The winning ticket will be chosen at the beginning of the live auction on Saturday, April 27th. View live auction items at [MidwestWinefest.org](http://MidwestWinefest.org)

*Tickets can be purchased online at [bit.ly/2024Winefest](http://bit.ly/2024Winefest)  
The Golden Ticket is not entrance into the live auction or Reserve Room.  
You do not need to be present to win.*

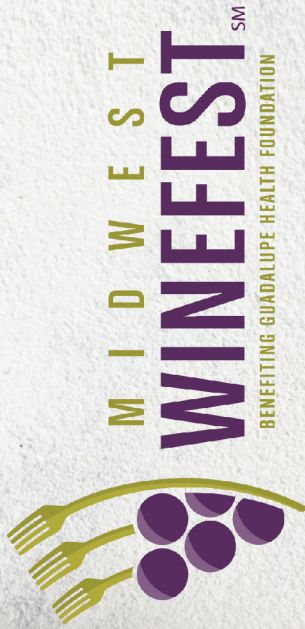


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