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A Living Miracle

“You’re no one in this country without a social security number.” This is the sentiment of many Guadalupe Clinic patients who, undocumented, struggle with access to needed medical care and treatments when they become sick.

Ava, quoted above, has been a patient of Guadalupe for the last five years. She says being undocumented has impacted her access to quality care tremendously, especially while she suffered a stroke in her early 50s.

Experiencing a severe headache, left-side weakness and facial droop, Ava made the hard decision to visit an Emergency Room where she was diagnosed with a hemorrhagic stroke. At this point her life completely turned upside down. Her family was told that her outlook was grim and that the chances of survival were low. Not only that, but her services were limited to those provided charitably. The family was given little hope but held on to their faith.

Miraculously, Ava began to recover. The doctor tending to her in the hospital said it would normally take a patient six months to regain some mobility after a severe stroke and reiterated that her chances of survival were low.

When discharged from the hospital, Ava was transferred to a rehab unit where they generously agreed to see her for up to 20 days – a donated service since she had no insurance. Knowing there was little chance of Ava regaining any mobility at all, the rehab agreed to continue therapy as long as she showed signs of improvement. At that point, her sister visited Guadalupe Clinic on her behalf, scared of what could happen to Ava once the 20 days were over.

With the help of the rehab, Ava made major progress, improving her mobility through physical and speech therapies. When the 20 days were over, she regained enough mobility and function to safely return home with her sister – a true miracle!

While she still has work to do, Ava attributes her recovery to her family’s faith and prayers. Guadalupe Clinic will continue monitoring her blood pressure and provide physical therapy, while actively keeping up with her care and coordinating any additional services she might need.

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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Clinic Raises Funds in Support of Much Needed Procedures

At Guadalupe Clinic we know that you know our patients are unlike anyone else. Falling ill results in time away from work and less resources to provide for their families. Major health scares and diseases are devastating, often causing them to lose their jobs altogether without any compensation and sky-high medical bills.

For example, we currently have a patient - Raphael - who suffered a stroke in June 2023 while doing contract work in Kansas City (his home is Wichita). He was rushed to the hospital where he required an emergent right front temporoparietal craniectomy (about 25% of his skull was removed to relieve pressure from his brain). The piece of skull was transplanted to his abdominal peritoneum until he was well enough to have it replaced, however the cost to do this was prohibitive.

Raphael patient has now lived for over a year with 25% of his skull missing but ready to be replaced as soon as funding is found. All costs for this procedure are estimated to be about \$22,000.

Unfortunately, we hear stories like this one quite often. We recently shared Lucia's story with you as well – a cancer patient needing thousands of dollars in oncology services to help recover from breast cancer.

Please remember stories like Raphael's and Lucia's when you donate to Guadalupe Clinic. Every dollar you donate supports our patients and is turned into \$3.40 of health care.



Support patients like Raphael and Lucia by making a donation online or by returning your enclosed envelope.

Jennifer Wipperman, MD Volunteers to Help Increase Access to Healthcare Services

Dr. Jennifer Wipperman says she always wanted to be a doctor. “My mom kept an ‘All About Me’ booklet that our kindergarten class completed and I still have it. It asks the student to draw a self-portrait of their future selves in their career. Mine was essentially a stick-figure with a head mirror!” Dr. Wipperman says that as a child she had a wonderful pediatrician who showed her the wonder of medicine and how you can love and care for people as a physician. Dr. Wipperman always felt it was a calling from God to serve Him and love His people. Below is her story and how she came to volunteer to support our mission.



I currently work as a faculty physician with KU School of Medicine - Wichita's Family Medicine Residency at Ascension Via Christi, and there are many similarities in caring for patients who maybe uninsured or underinsured. I have seen several patients over the years at Guadalupe receive difficult diagnoses - early cervical cancer, new diagnosis of breast cancer - that was delayed because of an inability to access care. I am so very grateful for a place that is welcoming and

offers early cancer screening and services to those who otherwise fall through the gaps.

I love coming to see patients alongside residents and students at Guadalupe Clinic. As a volunteer physician, I appreciate the opportunity to work with patients who are otherwise unable to access care, in a well-run, organized clinic that is always going the extra mile for them.”

If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering, please visit our website or email volunteer@guadalupeclinic.com.

“My first experience with Guadalupe Clinic was as a resident with Ascension Via Christi Family Medicine. The staff is so caring, compassionate, patient, and they always have smiles on their faces! We came on our women's health rotation and saw patients for their annual well-woman exams and other gynecology-related concerns. I also volunteered as a resident (and now as faculty) with the JayDoc Community Clinic at their Women's Health evening clinic.

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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 to come.

A Letter from the Executive Director

Time sure does fly! I can't believe I've been with Guadalupe Clinic for more than four years now. I came to the clinic in January of 2020, right before the pandemic. At that time, we had 32 medical providers (physicians, PAs and APRNs) and two staff PAs seeing patients across 7,300 visits. Today, we have 38 medical providers along with 3 staff PAs and expect to deliver 11,000 patient visits this year. I am pleased to report, our patient visits increased 24% from 8,398 visits in 2022 to 10,453 in 2023. This is in part due to our successful strategic management plan, which introduced three initiatives to our model – same day appointments, a Vision Clinic, and the Promotora (patient advocate) position to help connect patients to additional community resources addressing the social determinants of health (food, rent, utility assistance, etc.).

While these numbers are phenomenal, our work is only part of the reason for the increase in visits. There is also a growing need for free healthcare as well as other social services in our community. Food prices are rising and so is the cost of living, making it harder for the working poor to make ends meet. They need our help now more than ever.

When I came on board, our budget was \$1.2 million. For our fiscal year beginning July 1st, it has increased to \$1.9 million. This is a direct response to those new services we've added, but also YOUR support. We are on track to raise over \$1.8 million this year, a huge increase from four years ago that allows us to responsibly take on new projects and serve more people. My heart is continually filled with gratitude for you and your support for our mission.

Soon, our board of directors will again begin the process of developing a new three-year strategic management plan. While vision was at the forefront last time, I expect they will assess other pressing areas of need such as dental and mental health services this time around. We will keep you informed, as always, and pray for your support as we continue to serve the underserved.

God always provides for those doing his work. Thank you again for supporting our mission.

Warmly,



J.V. Johnston

Join Us at Riverfront Stadium August 16th

Join us as we partner with the Wichita Wind Surge and presenting sponsor Meritrust Credit Union again in 2024 for Guadalupe Clinic's annual baseball fundraiser! This family-friendly event is a longstanding tradition and the Clinic's largest fundraising event. We need you to help make it a success!



take on the Arkansas Travelers. Tickets will be available on our website and at local parishes during July and August for \$10 each.

There will be fireworks immediately following the game, so be sure to stay for the show!

This year's game is scheduled for Friday, August 16th at 7:05pm as the Wind Surge

Visit our website and click on the events page for more information!

A Little Rain Won't Stop Midwest Winefest from Supporting the Uninsured

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2024 Midwest Winefest a success! While it rained for Walkabout set up, the event remained fairly dry and only a little chilly. We truly appreciate everyone who came out to volunteer, participate, or attend. We could not host this event without you and it takes hundreds of dedicated hours to happen.

We are excited to share that our 2024 events netted just over \$260,000 to support the mission of Guadalupe Health Foundation.

2025 dates and locations are set, which can be seen on our website. If you would like to participate next year as a restaurant, venue, caterer, volunteer, or committee member please check out our website www.MidwestWinefest.org for that information as well.



BIKES & BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
8-MILE RIDE | 35-MILE RIDE

The image is a promotional poster for a cycling event. It features a background photograph of people with bicycles in an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image, with the event name in large white letters and the date and ride options in a yellow banner at the bottom.



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