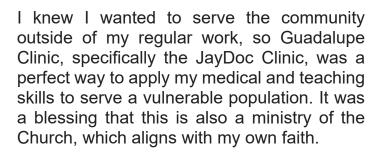


## **Dr. Gilbert Helps Save Guadalupe Patient**

Lisa Gilbert, MD, began volunteering at Guadalupe Clinic in 2017. She first heard about the Clinic as a resident and then learned more about our partnership with the JayDoc Clinic through KU Med. After she became a faculty member of the same residency program, Dr. Gilbert joined the student-run JayDoc Clinic and volunteered at Guadalupe Clinic. As one of our regular volunteer physicians, she helped Laura, a struggling patient. On the road to recovery, Laura is now covered by Medicaid and is a patient of Dr. Gilbert's at her private practice. Below is their story, as told by Dr. Gilbert (pictured right).



At the time, the JayDoc Clinic partnered with Guadalupe to see patients one evening each week at a local church near the Lord's Dinner. This effort mainly supported the homeless. Later, I started helping with the JayDoc students on Wednesday nights and Saturdays at the Clinic's full-time St. Francis location. More recently, I started covering the Women's Health clinic on Wednesdays, where residents and medical students rotate. The women who attend Women's

Health clinics are particularly vulnerable, with no insurance and often with financial, language, cultural, and health literacy barriers. Many women have issues with abnormal bleeding, infertility, abnormal PAPs, and other reproductive concerns. We perform minor procedures, such as colposcopy and biopsies, and can help women access further care if needed. I often think about how tender Jesus was with the woman who had hemorrhaged for 12 years and "had suffered many things from many physicians." I also think of how many women in the Bible struggled with the cross of infertility. I believe that providing women's healthcare is an important and unique way to uphold the dignity of women and in imitation of the Great Physician.

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#### **Mission**

s 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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Laura was one patient who had a significant impact on me and embodied the reasons why I started volunteering. She was only in her mid-fifties but was in the ICU, where she required multiple units of blood for profound uterine bleeding and anemia. Laura was found to have large fibroids and was placed on several medications to reduce bleeding and help the anemia. She came to Guadalupe Clinic for follow-up care and continued to have notable bleeding.

Through partnerships and programming at Guadalupe, we helped her pay for medications with GoodRx and vouchers. Laura required biopsies before proceeding to a hysterectomy to rule out cancer, but she struggled to understand the health system and how best to advocate for herself. She had transportation barriers as well, as many of these patients do.

I was able to help her coordinate with Guadalupe staff and communicated with the gynecologist providing her care. She ultimately received her much-needed hysterectomy and later became Medicaid eligible, subsequently following up with me in my own clinic. She is an excellent cook and frequently shares beautiful pictures of the many treats she makes! I was happy that Guadalupe Clinic was her advocate and helped her get the medications, referrals, and support she needed.

I think everyone should know that Guadalupe Clinic exists and is a valuable resource for physicians to send patients without insurance whose income falls below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line. We have great partnerships and a fully stocked dispensary to help patients receive their medications. The staff is dedicated and eager to help. I hope that more physicians volunteer at Guadalupe and support this patient population with their specialties. Much good work is being done here, and there is plenty more to be done!

# **In Loving Memory**

Guadalupe Clinic wishes to honor special friends we have lost this year, who remembered us through memorial gifts. Please remember them in your prayers.



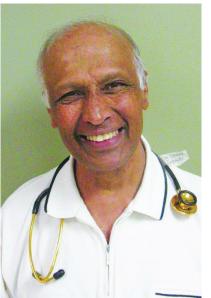
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## In Loving Memory of Dr. Daniel Tatpati

Almost 40 years ago, five nurses opened a health station adjacent to downtown Wichita with a grant from the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. Their goal was to function as a wellness clinic serving the people of this underserved area of town, but they quickly realized the care needed was much more extensive than their health station could provide.

Two years later, in 1987, everything changed when Drs. Daniel and Olga Tatpati began volunteering their time at the health station. It then became Guadalupe Clinic and provided healthcare to the poor and uninsured, with a second location opening in 2012 to serve another underserved area – Planeview.

From the beginning, Guadalupe Clinic depended on the volunteerism of physicians and





nurses donating their time, talents, and treasure to provide medical care to countless individuals. No one has embodied the mission of Guadalupe Clinic better than founders Drs. Daniel and Olga Tatpati.

It is with very heavy hearts we share the passing of Dr. Daniel Tatpati, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon and founder of Guadalupe Clinic. His love for our mission and patients was unmatched, and he will be missed. Dr. Tatpati is survived by his wife Olga, children Krupa Limaye, Abraham Tatpati, Sheila Neese, nine grandchildren, sister Palanna, Suvina and many loving nieces and nephews. A memorial has been established with Guadalupe Clinic if you would like to make a donation remembering Dr. Tatpati.



# Dr. Thomas Hays Memorial Award Recognizes Brand Plumbing

Established in 1995, The Dr. Thomas Hays Family Award is reserved for those who have demonstrated overwhelming support and dedication to the mission and values of the Guadalupe Clinic.

The Clinic is fortunate to have many longtime supporters contributing significantly to the success of our mission. Medical providers volunteer their time, working to improve our patients' health and quality of life, while many others donate needed medication, supplies, and services. This year, Clinic staff recognized Mike and Marc Brand of Brand Plumbing for their longstanding generosity and support of our mission at our Heart for Health Appreciation Dinner. They have donated so much to maintain our facilities, one of which is over 60 years old! They have installed plumbing for our expansions, updated our bathrooms, and promptly addressed every large and small "fix" needed. Their services are valued in the tens of thousands, and we appreciate them greatly for the royal treatment we get every time we call.

## **Clinic Offers Christmas Food Boxes and Gifts**

This Christmas season, Guadalupe Clinic continues its tradition of providing patients and their families with food boxes and Christmas gifts. Pick-up is a drivethru, with each box packed and prepared specifically for pre-selected patient families. Boxes include a week's worth of groceries, Christmas dinner, and toys for every child in the home. Our medical staff spend time getting to know our patients, so we ask them to compile a list of those most in need for this event.

We anticipate wrapping December 11th through December 14th during our regular business hours. We also need donations including NEW hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and toys for children of all ages. We especially struggle with gifts for teens.

If you have questions about donations to help with our food boxes, or if you are available to help us wrap gifts this year, please contact Elizabeth Stewart at: volunteer@guadalupeclinic.com





## **Debra Sikes Receives Servant's Heart Award**

The Marlene Dreiling Servant's Heart Award is presented annually to a dedicated volunteer. It honors the memory of Marlene Dreiling, the Clinic's Executive Director, who passed away in 2012. Marlene's devotion and heart for the Clinic were evident daily and live on in the partnerships she initiated. Her efforts significantly expanded the care available to our patients.

This year, we recognized Debra Sikes with the Servant's Heart Award at our annual Heart for Health Appreciation Dinner. Deb volunteers regularly at the Clinic and is a familiar face to our staff and volunteer providers. Jennifer Larsen, physician assistant, says Deb "continues to donate significant, important hours to us. She is the treadmill stress test attendant, and we couldn't perform these without her." Deb initially began volunteering to help administer COVID vaccines. As the need for vaccinators diminished, she looked for other ways to help and now spends 5-7 hours weekly calling drug companies regarding patients' Medical Assistance Applications. She is integral in troubleshooting applications and helping connect our patients with these needed medications. In addition to this, Deb works with one of our cardiologists Barry Murphy, MD to administer stress tests.

Outside of her clinical role, Deb started volunteering on the Midwest Winefest committee, working tirelessly to help solicit and collect auction items. She is also a member of the Clinic's Board of Directors. Deb Sikes most definitely has a servant's heart, and we are so happy to honor her this year!

## **Donate Supplies Directly from Amazon**

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With Amazon it's a breeze - just scan the QR code, pick which item(s) you'd like to buy (just like you would shop on Amazon), add them to your cart, and then Amazon will ship them to us on your behalf! All donations are taxdeductible and will be receipted by Guadalupe Clinic once received.



#### **OTHER WAYS TO GIVE**

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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.

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