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The Long Road to Health Care

For many of our patients, getting the care they need is not always as simple as finding the nearest clinic. For Mateo, access to care meant traveling from Dodge City to Wichita to find the medical services and medications he needed.

Mateo is a 61-year-old man living with several serious health conditions, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, diabetes, and high blood pressure. He works in the service industry and is also a husband and father, balancing the demands of supporting his family while managing his health. His wife is a fellow patient at the clinic, making it an important source of care and support for their entire family.

While living in Dodge City, he struggled to find medical resources available to uninsured and low-income patients. At one point, he had run out of his medications, which led to a hospitalization. Without consistent access to the care he needed, his condition continued to worsen. Mateo knew he needed a better option.

This is when he learned about the clinic.

When he found Guadalupe Clinic, he was able to establish regular care and get access to the medications and treatment he needed. Since then, our team has worked with him to manage his heart condition and diabetes, and he has seen marked improvement with his current care.

Mateo's story highlights not simply the distance he traveled, but why he was willing to make that journey. He came all the way from Dodge City to Wichita because the care he needed was not readily available to him closer to home. For someone managing serious health conditions while working and caring for his family, traveling six hours for an appointment is no small commitment.

For Mateo, making the trip to Guadalupe Clinic is not simply a matter of convenience or preference. It is his only option for accessing the ongoing care and medications he needs. His willingness to travel hours to receive care is a powerful reminder of the need for clinics like Guadalupe, where patients who have nowhere else to turn can find the care and support they need.



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A Letter From Executive Director, J.V. Johnston

Dear friends,

The foundation of Guadalupe Clinic's mission is rooted in the Gospels. During His short time on earth, Jesus established His Church and performed many miracles, including healing the sick. He also cared deeply for the poor; the very people Guadalupe Clinic is privileged to serve today. Through His example, we continue to care for His people with compassion, dignity, and respect.

Our medical volunteers and staff live out this mission every day. At our recent appreciation dinner, Dr. Barry Murphy spoke about what it means to volunteer, and our Volunteer Coordinator, Genoveva Moreno, shared a personal story that beautifully illustrated why it is so important to treat every person with respect and care. Their stories were a wonderful reminder of the heart behind our work and the difference our volunteers make in the lives of our patients.

Our clinic renovations are also an important part of our mission. While improvements are necessary for many practical reasons, they also affect the experience and perception of our patients. A welcoming, well-maintained environment can help patients feel valued and can build trust in the care they receive from our providers.

We are now more than halfway through the renovations. Our staff is especially excited about the new restrooms! If you have seen the "before," you will understand why. We currently expect the renovations to be completed in mid-to-late November. I look forward to showing you at our open house in November.

Thank you again for your trust, prayers, and continued support of Guadalupe Clinic. I am grateful for our mission to serve the uninsured working poor and poor in our community.

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.

Half Way There

Phase 2 of our renovations has begun after four months of heavy construction. Our next phase will bring more patient rooms, a redesigned front desk and reception area for our patients, and a new expanded dispensary. In the meantime, we are using the dental space for patient rooms, the dispensary area for storage, and the gym for our nursing station. We are excited to offer better facilities for our patients and the ability to provide even better care because of it

Temporary dispensary



Old provider area soon to be patient rooms



Dental serving as temporary patient rooms



Old offices soon to be expanded dispensary



Temporary gym provider area



Front lobby facelift



Recognizing Stewards

On July 16, we held our Appreciation Dinner at St. Thomas Aquinas to celebrate the staff, donors, and volunteers who make Guadalupe Clinic's mission possible. Each plays an important role in helping us provide compassionate care to those who need it most.

During the evening, we recognized three individuals for their outstanding dedication. The Dr. Thomas Hays Family Award, established in 1995, was presented to **Dr. Mike and Lisa Caughlin**. The Caughlins have supported the clinic in countless ways, with Dr. Caughlin serving on the Foundation Board and continuing to support our annual Winefest fundraiser, while Lisa volunteers as a dedicated nurse.

We also presented the Marlene Dreiling Servant's Heart Award to **Dr. Cheryl McGuire**, who began volunteering at the clinic in 2023 after retiring. She now volunteers approximately 22 hours each month, providing valuable vision care to our patients.

We are grateful to all of our supporters whose time, talents, and generosity allow Guadalupe Clinic to continue serving those who need us most.

Congratulations Brianna!

Brianna has been part of the Guadalupe Clinic team for five years, beginning her journey as a medical assistant and now transitioning into our referral specialist role. In her new position, she will help ensure that each patient receives the assistance and guidance they need as they take the next step in their health care journey.

When asked what she finds most fulfilling about her work, Brianna said, "What I find most fulfilling is knowing that I can make health care a little easier for someone. Whether I'm helping a patient understand their medications, interpreting during an appointment, coordinating a referral, or simply being someone they feel comfortable coming to, I enjoy knowing that I can make a difference in their care."

We are excited to see Brianna take on this new role and continue making a difference in the lives of our patients.

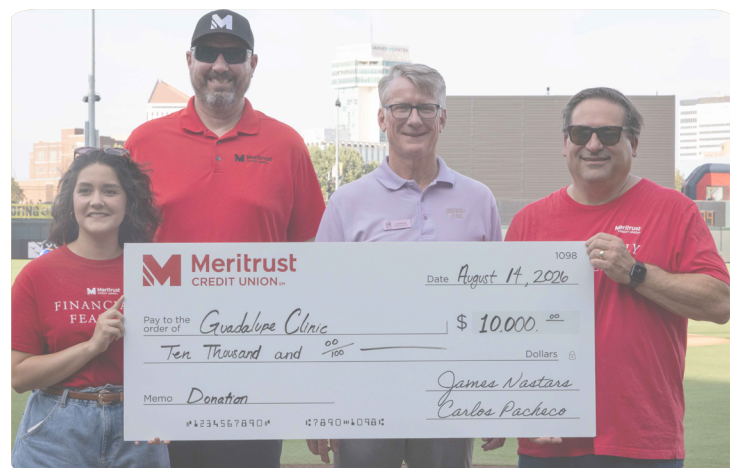


Fast Facts

Last year, we received more than **\$6.5 million** in in kind donations. These contributions include a variety of donated resources, such as volunteer provider hours, medications, X ray services, and laboratory services. Without these generous donations, we would not be able to provide the quality of care we strive to offer our patients.

Patient visits have **increased by 82%** since 2021, rising from 6,790 visits to 12,352 visits annually. This significant increase in patient volume is part of what spurred our renovations to increase our capacity and allow us to care for our ever growing patient population.

Over the past five years, our medical volunteer hours have increased by 25%, rising from 7,716 hours to **9,670 hours**. Without the dedication of our medical volunteers, we would not be able to provide care to the number of patients we serve today.



Baseball Fundraiser

On August 14, supporters from across Wichita joined us for our annual baseball game! Over the past several months, dedicated volunteers visited their home parishes to sell tickets after Masses, helping raise support for the Guadalupe Clinic and our mission.

Despite the high temperatures, everyone had a great time enjoying the game and supporting the clinic.

A special thank you goes to Meritrust for sponsoring the event and to Adam from the Wind Surge office, who helped us every step of the way. We are grateful to everyone who came out and helped make the evening a success!

A Culture of Caring

At Guadalupe Clinic, we pride ourselves on providing more than just medical care. Our patients receive access to health care, vision care, social work, counseling, and other services designed to help them live healthier and more stable lives. Sometimes, however, caring for our patients means recognizing that their needs extend beyond what happens inside the clinic. Recently, one patient's unexpected problem brought together several members of our clinic community and provided a perfect example of what it means to go above and beyond for those we serve.

When one of our patients came in for a checkup, everything seemed routine. It was not until he returned to his car that he noticed his tire had lost air pressure. He informed one of our front desk workers, who passed the information along until it reached our Executive Director, J.V. Rather than simply telling the patient to find a way to take care of the problem himself, J.V. stepped in to see what could be done.

At the time, two workers from Simpson Construction were at the clinic helping with the Campaign Care renovations. They were just getting off work, but when they heard about the patient's situation, they were willing to stay late and help. Together with J.V., they removed the tire and J.V. took it to a nearby tire shop, where it was patched and brought right back to the clinic so the patient could safely get back on the road. The patient was grateful for the help and relieved to have one less problem to worry about.



The story did not end there. After learning about the situation, an anonymous donor provided a gift to purchase a set of new tires for the patient. What started as a simple act of kindness became an opportunity to provide lasting peace of mind. Instead of simply solving the immediate problem, the donor made sure the patient would not have to worry about another incident leaving him stranded.

This is one of the many ways our staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters help care for our patients. Sometimes that means providing medical care, and sometimes it means helping with an unexpected problem. In this case, a few people simply saw that a patient needed help and took the time to lend a hand.



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BIKES & BREAKFAST

Saturday September 19th

35 mile ride - 7:00 AM

8 mile ride - 8:00 AM

Breakfast - 9:00 AM

\$35 Registration

Included Guadalupe water bottle



**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



Come join us at our annual Bikes & Breakfast Fundraiser!

The day begins at Guadalupe Clinic with a family friendly 8 mile ride or, if you are up for a challenge, a longer and more competitive 35 mile ride. After completing your ride, return to the clinic and enjoy a delicious breakfast provided by our friends at Molino's!

Whether you are a casual rider or a seasoned cyclist, Bikes & Breakfast offers a fun way to get outside, enjoy the morning, and show your support for the Guadalupe Clinic. Bring your family, challenge yourself, or simply come out to enjoy a great morning with friends and fellow supporters!