



Healthy Neighbors



North Carolina Association
of Free & Charitable Clinics

THANK YOU NORTH CAROLINA

“Without this clinic,
I wouldn’t know what to do.
I’d feel all is lost.” – *Lisa*



LISA, CLINIC PATIENT

You can feel it across
North Carolina at
our **70+ clinic sites**.
You can see it reflected in
the faces of their staff.

And, you will hear it
in the stories their
patients, families and
volunteers will share.



It's an unwavering commitment to neighbors coming together to support neighbors.

It's a passion that drives us to ensure we will always be able to provide access to the care and services that keep our communities healthy and strong.

It's the type of passion and commitment that require generous support from people like you. Generosity, that in turn becomes an investment in the future of care for North Carolina – and the future of our neighbors. This is our chance to come together as neighbors helping neighbors and truly make a difference in the lives of those who are not only being cared for today, but who will need us tomorrow.



Meet Melissa

“I was a patient at a local family practice when I worked for a hospital and had health insurance.” – *Melissa*

➤ However, when I became self-employed, I lost my health insurance. My physician’s office referred me to the clinic, knowing that while I no longer had health insurance, I still needed my primary care.

I felt very alone and concerned for my health. The clinic took me in as a new patient and not only gave me the health care I needed, but helped me regain faith in our health care system. As someone who needs regular blood work and adjustments on medications, they did it all and got me back in good health.



MELISSA, FORMER UNINSURED CLINIC PATIENT
CURRENT CLINIC EMPLOYEE

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

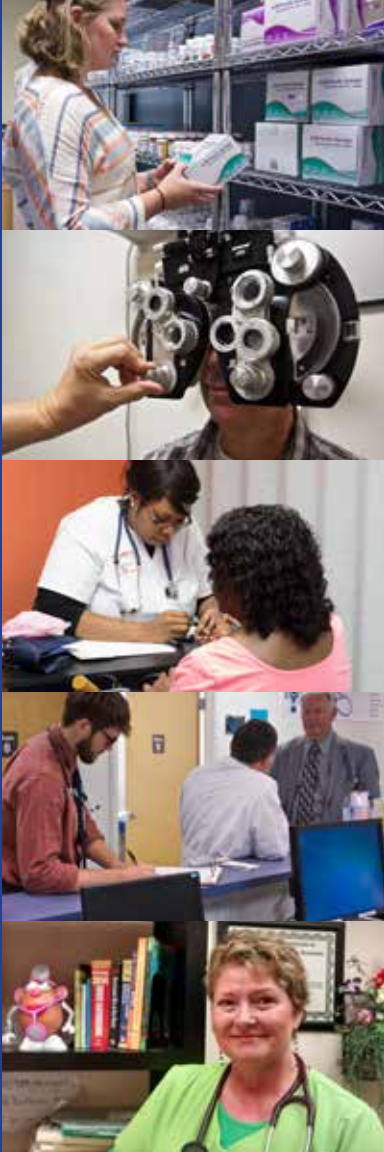
Your gifts make it possible for free and charitable clinics to provide the critical resources they need.

Patient Care

Offering primary care to our uninsured and underinsured neighbors is the mission of free and charitable clinics. Through the clinics, individuals with chronic diseases, such as diabetes and hypertension, receive life saving care from both dedicated volunteers and paid health care professionals.

Medication Assistance

Patients receiving treatment often require essential and expensive medications to control their diabetes, hypertension and other illnesses. Many clinics provide free medications to their patients, resulting in healthier and more productive members of the community.



Advocacy

Through advocacy, the Association and member clinics create awareness of their work to improve the lives of the uninsured and underinsured. Working alongside community civic leaders and local and state officials, we save the health care system thousands of dollars, and improve the quality of life of our neighbors.

Increased Access to Care

Increasing access to skilled medical providers and related services is a key role of free and charitable clinics. Every clinic site is an oasis of relief for patients who have no place to turn other than costly emergency rooms for desperately needed health care services.

Meeting Needs

Providing health care, dental care and medicines are what free and charitable clinics do every day. When other health-related needs surface during a clinic visit, our clinics also provide patient education and collaborate with other community agencies to be sure the needs of the whole person are being met.

This is the power we all possess. The power to come together for those who, without our kindness, would not have access to the care they so critically need.

Meet Pablo & David

“It’s really a life or death situation for some of these individuals.” – *Pablo*

› Without the medicine and care we provide them, the advice that we give them, and the monitoring of things such as blood pressure and blood sugars, they would rapidly spiral down into all sorts of medical complications that could eventually lead to death.

“We are providing care in a very effective and low cost way, saving the community dollars.” – *David*

› If you look at it from human experience, I believe we’re doing things that allow us to give people access to care as we would want and deserve.



PABLO, CLINIC DIRECTOR



DAVID, VOLUNTEER CLINIC PHYSICIAN



Why clinics exist and why your help is so vital to the health of *all* North Carolinians.

One hardworking woman, with no insurance, had to hear the jaw-dropping words, “you have stage 3 cancer.” The volunteer physician and nurses did not stop with a diagnosis, but called their colleagues, hospital and caregivers. Aggressively treating the cancer resulted in the volunteer doctor sitting her down five months later to give her the final prognosis, “your cancer is in remission.” Today, she is raising her son, still working, and a productive part of her church and community.

Medical staff, volunteers and community members are the heart and soul of free and charitable clinics. By giving your time, talent and treasure, you can literally save the lives and improve the health of your neighbors.

THANK YOU

“Medical staff, volunteers and community members are the heart and soul of free and charitable clinics.” – *Scott*



SCOTT, CLINIC DIRECTOR

We all possess the power to create healthy neighbors – the power to come together for those who, without our kindness, would not have access to the care they so critically need. Thank you for your passion to help make a difference in the communities we call home.



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