

New Beginnings



ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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For the Free Clinic, the year 2020 was a year of new beginnings. Like the rest of the country and the world, the Clinic faced its share of challenges due to the COVID 19 pandemic. However, not even a global pandemic could prevent the Clinic from meeting its goal of moving into the new Free Clinic of Simi Valley Multi Services Center.



Volunteer nurse Alexandra Cruz (left) checking a patient's vitals



Thanks to the dedicated staff and hundreds of volunteers, after 49 years of operating in multiple locations, the Clinic relocated to a new state-of-the-art OSHPD3 facility totaling 7,000 square feet. In this new space, for the first time the Clinic can provide medical, dental, family counseling and legal services all in the same location.

Spencer Durwood, DDS (right) performing a dental procedure on a patient with assistance from Jasmine Dorado-Guerro (left)

Service Statistics

Visit Type	Contacts	
Medical	4,023	49%
Counseling	2,597	32%
Dental	1,513	19%
Legal	0	0%
Total Clients	8,133	100%

Gender	Clients	
Male	760	44%
Female	922	54%
Decline to comment	42	2%
Total Clients	1,724	100%

Poverty Level	Clients	
Under 100%	359	21%
100-138%	74	4%
139-200%	54	3%
Above 200%	46	3%
Unknown	1,191	69%
Total Clients	1,724	100%

*Federal Family of 4 HHI of ≤\$24,000

Language	Clients	
English	690	40%
Non-English	1,034	60%
Total Clients	1,724	100%

Primary Non-English Language is Spanish

Ages	Clients	
0-18	154	9%
18-64	1,305	76%
64 years +	265	15%
Total Clients	1,724	100%

Race	Clients	
White (Includes Hispanic)	1,190	69%
Black	17	1%
Native American & Alaskan	3	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	89	5%
Other/Unknown	425	25%
Total Clients	1,724	100%

Ethnicity	Clients	
Hispanic	814	47%
Non-Hispanic	454	26%
Not Selected	456	26%
Total Clients	1,724	100%

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A Year Like No Other

To think that in 2020...

- We achieved the goal of establishing a new home for the Free Clinic of Simi Valley; allowing the Clinic to provide medical, counseling, legal, and dental services all in one single location.
- In our new home we included space for other nonprofit organizations like Soaring Spirits International, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Coalition for Family Harmony.
- And we accomplished this on time and during a worldwide pandemic. Yes, it was a "Year Like No Other!"



My message for the 2020 Annual Report is simply one of gratitude. Thanks to the Board of Directors of the Free Clinic for their steadfast dedication to seeing this goal through to completion. Thanks to Maggie Kestly, our Board President and cheerleader for her belief that "we can do this." Thanks to Jill Haney, for leading the capital campaign that raised over \$2.3 million and included naming opportunities for various rooms, a formal donor wall and our donor plaza. I also want to especially thank Vince Dulcich for his leadership on the Building and Oversight Committee. Vince guided the committee through the many obstacles involved in planning, demolition, and construction of the Free Clinic of Simi Valley Multi Services Center. I also want to thank our very small, very dedicated, and very patient staff who stayed the course and continued to provide vital services while dealing with the turmoil of the pandemic, volunteers schedules and caring for our patients.

Finally, I want to thank the community. Thanks for believing in us and our small but mighty organization. Thanks to the County of Ventura, the City of Simi Valley, and the State of California. Thanks to those that served on the capital campaign committees, thanks for helping us plan the building and lending a hand and thanks for your support during this "Year Like No Other."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Bauermeister". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Fred Bauermeister
Executive Director, Free Clinic of Simi Valley



Free Clinic Staff

Fred Bauermeister
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Lupita Gonzalez
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Olga Laffitto
Dental Clinic Administrator

Jasmine Dorado-Guerrero
Dental Assistant

Jonathan Kurohara, MD
Director of Medical Services

Charlie Frederick
Medical Assistant

Ean Kleiger, DDS
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Director of Counseling Services

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Welcome Soaring Spirits International and Big Brothers Big Sisters

In 2020, the Free Clinic officially launched its Multi Services Center and welcomed two nonprofit organizations – Soaring Spirits International and Big Brothers Big Sisters – as its first two tenants.

The goal of the Multi Services Center is to provide human services resources for those in need in one convenient location. This arrangement is a win-win for both the organizations and those needing services.



Soaring Spirits International provides resources and tools for the widowed community. It offers both virtual and in-person programs aimed to help those coping with the loss of a spouse or partner rebuild their lives. Founded in 2008, Soaring Spirits has served 4,000,000

widowed people in the U.S. and globally. The Multi Services Center serves as a global headquarters of operations for Soaring Spirits; and in this expanded space, the organization now has a designated area for a community resource library and in-person intake.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County is utilizing its designated space in the Center to house afterschool programs, Monday through Friday. The program offers local youth help with

homework, plus various recreational activities, such as pool and ping pong, snacks, and a light dinner. The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization is the nation's largest donor and volunteer supporting mentoring network. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County has served the community for 50 years.

Passing Of The Hammer



Dr. Okoro, outgoing attending physician (left), Dr. Govil, incoming attending physician (right)

In 2020, the Free Clinic continued its annual tradition of the ceremonial "Passing of the Hammer." This ceremony celebrates the outgoing and incoming attending physicians. Dr. Okoro, attending physician for 2019-2020, did the honors and "passed the reflex hammer"

on to incoming attending physician Dr. Govil for 2020-2021. The Free Clinic serves as a training facility for resident physicians in the Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills Medical Center – Family Medicine Residency Program. Since the collaboration between Kaiser Permanente and the Free Clinic was established in 2007, 62 residents have participated in the training. Congratulations and Thank You to Dr. Okoro and Dr. Govil for their service.



*Staff members all smiles.
Lupita Gonzalez (left), Olga Laffitto (right)*

Highlighting a few of our loyal supporters in 2020



Our partnership with Direct Relief continued and in 2020 they provided the Free Clinic with 48 shipments of medicine and medical supplies valued at \$382,235.70 (wholesale). Supplies ranging from aspirins and vitamins to needles and syringes to bandages and masks. They continue to remain committed to helping the Free Clinic provide care for those in the community who lack other options.

Healthy People. Better World. That means all people – regardless of politics, religion, or ability to pay. Improving their lives is Direct Relief's mission.



Rotary Club of Simi Valley

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Simi Valley for their major donation of \$100,000 in support of our capital campaign. This generous donation provided a portion

of the needed funding to complete the buildout of the Free Clinic of Simi Valley Multi Services Center.

We are pleased to recognize one of our youngest supporters in 2020 – 16-year-old Eagle Scout Joshua Kort. Thank you to Josh for taking on the Donor Plaza as his Eagle Scout project. He cleared and

prepped the plaza area for commemorative donor bricks to be laid. When Joshua learned that the plaza was missing an American flag, he took on that project as well. He raised \$2,500 to purchase the flag and only used \$500. He presented the remaining \$2,000 to the Free Clinic as a monetary donation.

We celebrate New Beginnings thanks to supporters such as these.



Fred Bauermeister, Executive Director for the Free Clinic of Simi Valley happily accepts a donation from Eagle Scout Joshua Kort (right)

Friends of the Free Clinic

\$20,000 +

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County of Ventura
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\$10,000 - \$19,000

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In-Kind Gifts Over \$1,000

Adventist Health Simi Valley
County of Ventura
Michael P. Fischer, CPA
GP Architecture
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Nicolette A. Muñoz Consulting
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99.1 The Ranch

Our Services

Medical

Children's Immunization Program
Chiropractic Care
Community Flu Shot Clinics
Licensed Pharmacy
Medical Education
Pharmacist Ambulatory Care Program
Physical Therapy
Primary Medical Services
TB Skin Tests

Dental

Examinations
Fillings
Fluoride treatment for Children 0-5
Partial & Full Dentures
Root Canals
Simple Extractions
Teeth Cleaning
X-Rays

Counseling

Counseling is administered in the following areas:
Depression & Anxiety
Family Communication
Healthy Relationships
Play Therapy for Children
Trauma Recovery

Legal

Legal counsel in the following areas:
Bankruptcy
Family Law
Individual Rights
Landlord/Tenant Disputes

Our Mission

To provide medical care, counseling, dental and legal assistance to individuals and families in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Statement of Financial Activities

Revenue

Patient Donations	\$ 100,307
General Donations	\$ 68,327
Fundraisers	\$ 56,606
Grants	\$ 171,500
MSC Campaign	\$ 691,101
Interest	\$ 848

Total **\$ 1,088,689**

Expenses

Services	\$ 128,942
Occupancy Expenses	\$ 32,668
Professional Expenses	\$ 48,545
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 18,478
Insurance	\$ 8,064
Medical and Dental Clinic Expenses	\$ 14,642
Administration	\$ 104,847
Digital Medical Records	\$ 3,720
Taxes	\$ 15,653
MSC Expenses & Equipment	\$ 1,855,678

Total **\$ 2,231,238**



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