



## The Journey Continues!

"A year like no other!" So we said in our 2019-2020 report. Ditto this year. Daily, weekly, we adapt to the pandemic's ebb and flow, responding with flexibility and expertise as we implement COVID-19 recommendations for prevention and safety.

And there is good news:

- With the vaccine available in early 2021, St. Mary's Health Clinics (SMHC) coordinated and participated in vaccine administration at multiple sites, our first at our Carondelet Center office location in partnership with M Health Fairview. Through November, 2021, SMHC helped administer more than 10,000 doses of vaccines at 90+ clinic sites. Additionally, in partnership with area health systems, county and city governments, SMHC helped coordinate and staff many COVID-19 testing sites.
- Grants and collaboration with health care providers allowed us to focus on COVID-19 prevention, testing, vaccine promotion and outreach particularly among the Greater Twin Cities' Latino and hard to reach community members.
- Despite the pandemic, SMHC clinic sessions continued. A new clinic opened in partnership with St. Catherine University's (SCU) health profession students, faculty and staff. The new site allowed for additional room for OT and PT services in the University's Whitby Hall simulation clinic.
- Clinic volunteers, once vaccinated, gradually started returning in the spring of 2021, yet the need for additional volunteer support remains though there is some hesitation due to virus risk exposure.

Despite the challenges and workload, SMHC staff shines with expanding skills and a commitment to work when, and where they are needed. They are resilient masters of adaptability.

We are grateful to receive support from so many donors and funders who remain committed to serving and promoting the well-being of our most vulnerable and often voiceless patient populations. Thank you for supporting SMHC's clinic and outreach services. Despite the challenges faced, be assured that excellent health care services continue for our patient base with extensive support provided to the greater Latino Community in the metropolitan Twin Cities area. The journey continues!

~Sue Gehlsen, SMHC Executive Director

## About Us!

St. Mary's Health Clinics (SMHC), a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, provide free medical care, outreach and education to low-income, uninsured families and individuals who are not eligible for government programs.



## 2020/2021 Community Report

St. Mary's Health Clinics



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by providing necessary and accessible  
health services to the medically uninsured  
and underserved since 1992.*

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# In Review: 2020-2021



# Thank You!

Our work providing free medical care, outreach and education to low-income and uninsured families and individuals who are not eligible for government programs is made possible through the generous support of hundreds of individuals, medical practitioners and organizations. For your support we say thank you. We also thank our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet whose "pursuit of Love of God and love of neighbor without distinction" informs our shared commitment to serve "Our Dear Neighbors." Additionally, we acknowledge:

### STATISTICS: JULY 2020 – JUNE 2021

- 10,000 + outreach contacts
- 4,866 Patient Encounters: Clinic or virtual visits; mental health sessions, mammograms; nutrition, OT/PT consults; 11% increase over previous fiscal year; 67% female, 33% male; average age = 49
- 2,988 Specialty Referrals
- 2,371 patients served
- 41 new patients

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Partnered with health systems and counties for Covid 19 testing and vaccine administration
- Feature article in Mayo newsletter about diabetes care for the underserved
- Opened evening clinic collaborating with SCU clinical education site for health profession students
- SEAF (St. Mary's Emergency Assistance Fund) continues
- Clinical education site for St. Kate's BSN and MSN programs, public health undergraduate and graduate programs, nutrition and social work students
- Virtual Gala fundraiser
- Grant funded oral health education and referrals for patients
- Expanded outreach services
- Virtual Clinics Continue
- Recognition by Mexican Government for extensive COVID-19 work with Latino population.

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### KEY FUNDERS/PARTNERS:

- Allina Health
- CSJ Ministries Foundation
- Dakota County Health Department
- Delta Dental of Minnesota
- Health Partners/Park Nicollet
- Hennepin County Public Health
- James M. Cox Foundation
- M Health Fairview
- Ministry of Health of Mexico
- Minneapolis Health Department
- Minnesota Department of Health
- The Otto Bremer Trust
- Ramsey County Public Health
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- Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Paul Province
- St. Croix Valley Foundation



Giving thanks will not be enough for all that you have done for me.

~AV

I am very happy to have the help and services of SMHC. God bless you all.

~MR

Giving thanks won't be enough.

~MZ

Thank you for what you do for me. I am a painter. I can pay with my work and paint the clinic.

~AC

