



Mission: The Light of the World is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) organization this is a volunteer community-based Clinic. The Clinic was established in 1989 by the late Dr. Erwin M. Vasquez and other community leaders with a mission to provide quality culturally sensitive health care services and preventative medical services to the disadvantaged residents of Broward County, FL.

To support our mission, we reach out to the underserved that do not have access to/or cannot obtain healthcare due to cultural/language barriers, or lack of health insurance and provide free healthcare. The purpose of our work is to empower individuals and families to reach optimal health and be productive citizens.

What We Do: The Clinic reaches out to residential areas where there are at-risk residents and provides them monthly, quarterly and annual community-based health screenings and health care services in a sensitive manner without regard to ethnic origin or ability to pay. By providing free medical visits and services to the underserved and at-risk community, the Clinic provides early medical intervention by treating them and stabilizing their illness, hypertension, diabetes, coronary disease, obesity and other widespread diseases.

Our Vision is to provide access to healthcare for the medically underserved, the uninsured and to eliminate disparities for the people we serve. To meet this vision the Clinic provides access and upgrades the health, education and living standards of the underserved thereby eliminating the cycle of poverty through healthy individuals and families.

Our Objectives include:

- To be a leading organization providing compassionate healthcare to those in need by collaborating with volunteers and community agencies.
- To create a connected healthcare delivery system and to provide primary healthcare services to underserved (200% below Federal poverty level) at no cost.
- To meet the needs of the uninsured, develop an appropriate specialty-care referral system and help patients navigate the complex healthcare system in Broward.
- To educate the underserved on the importance of regular healthcare, annual checkups, proper nutrition, healthy lifestyles and use of medications thereby avoiding unnecessary medical emergencies.

Free Primary Services include:

Intake & Assessment/Medical Treatment/Case Management/Referrals

- Acupuncture
- Back to School Exams and Immunizations
- Bone Density
- Cardiology and Diabetes Intervention
- Cholesterol Education and Treatment
- COPD/Asthma Control
- Dermatology and Dermatological Surgery
- Diagnostic Screening, Hearing Testing
- Family Wellness: Pediatrics, Men, Women's Care/Gynecology
- General & Internal Medicine
- Hypertension Education and Treatment
- Infectious Diseases
- Laboratory Services (nominal fee)
- Mammography/Nephrology
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Ophthalmology/Vision Screening
- Oral Hygiene, education, toothbrush, toothpaste/floss distribution
- Orthopedic Services and Podiatry
- Prevention Education
- Prescription Medicines. Depending on medical need, we can provide prescription meds or work with pharmaceutical companies to provide low-cost or no-cost meds on a case-by-case basis for our patients.
- Referrals to community resources, navigates linkages to healthcare beyond Clinic's scope (specialty care for more advanced care, neurological, surgery, dental, ultrasound, X-ray, CT/MRI), and other social service agency and government providers (SSI, Medicaid, WIC/SNAP, Access to Food Pantries for Food Insecure Patients, Limited Food Distribution by volunteers, TANF, Vaccines, STIs resources, Florida KidCare, and MRIs)
- Social Work Clinical Services (counseling and connects patients community resources to help them overcome challenges).
- Urology