San José Clinic is the leading provider of quality healthcare services for the underserved in the Greater Houston area. The Clinic offers primary and specialty medical care, general and restorative dental care, and vision, radiology and pharmacy services.

San José Clinic was founded in 1922 with the faith of Monsignor Walsh, a donation of $50 from the Charity Guild of Catholic Women and volunteers from the community. Throughout the Clinic’s long history, the mission has been unwavering: to provide quality healthcare and education to those with limited access to such services in an environment which respects the dignity of each person. For over ninety years, San José Clinic has been driven by a calling to serve the poor in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church, providing a health home for the most vulnerable individuals and families in the greater Houston area.

The Clinic is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, a United Way agency and a ministry of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

San José Clinic at a Glance

Since 1922, the Clinic has grown from a small frame house to a multi-level healthcare facility, making it the leading charity care provider of quality healthcare services for the underserved of Houston.

San José Clinic’s patients are all uninsured, and 59% live at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. The Clinic’s broad scope of services are available to individuals of all ages, denominations, race, ethnicity and gender, without geographic restrictions. San José Clinic serves more than 20 counties across Southeast Texas, with patients traveling from as far as the Louisiana and Mexico borders to receive care.

In 2014, over 4,300 individuals found a health home during more than 32,000 visits at San José Clinic, accomplished through collaborative partnerships, academic affiliations, volunteers, and staff. The success of San José Clinic in helping the poor and underserved of Houston over these many years has only been made possible through the determination and hard work of our dedicated community and generous benefactors.

The inspiring commitment of our physicians and professional volunteers forms the central support of the Clinic’s ministry. These individuals selflessly give of their time and talent to care for and educate the patients and families who receive the services offered through San José Clinic. In 2015, 830 volunteers provided 23,003 hours of service at a value of $680,542.
San José Clinic - Serving Those In Need

Across the nation and throughout our community, more individuals and families are finding their resources stretched covering basic needs such as food, shelter and utilities. These families work hard every day, but due to a variety of factors such as number of family members, current wage and employer benefit opportunities, cannot obtain health insurance.

San José Clinic is more essential than ever, even in the dawn of healthcare reform. In 2012, approximately 80 million Americans were uninsured or underinsured, with the Texas having the highest percentage of uninsured in the country. Many of the patients that come to the Clinic are not eligible for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act, based on their annual income or immigration status. When Texas did not expand Medicaid, 17% of the state’s uninsured were left in the coverage gap. San José Clinic is the final safety net for those who fell through the cracks of healthcare reform.

At San José Clinic, eligible patients can receive primary, preventative and specialty medical care, comprehensive women’s health services, nutritional and diabetic counseling, vision services, general, restorative and specialty dental care, x-ray and pharmacy services. Patients are asked to provide contributions-to-care if possible, though no one is turned away for ability to pay.

San José Clinic History

1922: With the help from the Charity Guild of Catholic Women, Monsignor Walsh founded San José Clinic as “Clinica Gratuita”.

1925: The Clinic is renamed “The Mexican Clinic” and continues to treat those in need.

1947: Bishop Christopher Byrne blesses the ground on St. Josepah’s Day and renames the Clinic, “San José Clinic.”

1954: With a generous donation from the Scanlan Foundation, the Clinic relocates to 301 Hamilton, a place they would call home for the next 56 years.

1960’s: The Clinic begins to sign collaborative agreements with Houston’s medical institutions and increases available services.

1981: Charity Guild of Catholic Women pledges an annual donation of $50,000 for the pediatric clinic.

2005: Governor Rick Perry honors San José Clinic with the Champion of Volunteerism Award at the annual Governor’s Volunteer Awards.

2010: Through a generous gift from the CHRISTUS Foundation for Healthcare, the Clinic relocates to the John S. Dunn/W.T. & Louise J Moran Family Health Center to meet the growing needs of the community.

2012: San José Clinic celebrates its 90th anniversary! The Clinic also adds radiology to its list of laboratory services provided.

2013: San José Clinic receives the St. Martin de Porres Award from The Southern Dominican Province in honor of the Clinic’s continuing dedication to those in the community who need the most health, as well as the Wellspring Houston Medical Legend award in recognition of the Clinic’s legacy of support within the community.
Press Contact

San José Clinic spokespeople are available for timely interviews, issue-specific commentary, and Houston healthcare perspectives. All media interviews and photography must be coordinated through the Development department.

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The official San José Clinic spokespersons are President and CEO, Paule Anne Lewis and Chair of the Board of Directors, Barron Bogatto.

Local Voices, Touching Stories

With over 90 years of experience working with Houstonians in need, the Clinic has a unique perspective into the future of healthcare and our community’s healthcare changes and needs. Through the Development department, you may request access to both professional and local voices, including those working, living their lives, and taking ownership of their health all without health insurance.

These local stories present powerful and vibrant insights into the continuously changing face of those in need and healthcare. Take Alma, for instance.

Alma - Alma and her husband were working to make ends meet, she managed the books for a small business while he worked in construction, when they were hit with devastating news; Alma’s husband had Parkinson’s disease. The couple was without health insurance and, when he could no longer work, they were struggling to deal with his care and the cost of his medication. At San José Clinic, they are able manage the cost of his treatment and the care they have received has helped his condition stabilize. “I don’t know what I would do without [the Clinic]”, Alma says.

Media Mentions

- San José Clinic answers Christ’s call to protect dignity, health of most vulnerable - Texas Catholic Herald, August 16, 2016

- San José Clinic - Quality, Volunteer-Powered Dental Care for Houston’s Uninsured - Houston Dentistry Magazine, May 2016

- San José Clinic picked for CVS Health Foundation grant - Houston Chronicle Online, March 29, 2016
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Location

San José Clinic is located at 2615 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77002, bordered by McGowen, San Jacinto, and Dennis streets. The Clinic is one block east of the MetroRail McGowen stop and near several bus routes, including 52 E & W, or 1 & 11 N & S. San José Clinic is open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday and 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, the 3rd Saturday of every month.