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-five 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, a Texas Medical Center member institution, and a ministry of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

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 the President and CEO and the Chair of the Board of Directors.
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 51% 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 2017, over 4,700 individuals found a health home during nearly 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 2017, 967 volunteers provided 34,809 hours of service at a value of $1,050,320.
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. Jospeh’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.

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.

More details can be found at sanjoseclinic.org/history
Local Voices, Touching Stories

With more than 95 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 Julio, for instance.

Julio is the right hand man for his boss, and has been for nearly 30 years. He always has a smile on his face and determination in his heart as he works in their restaurant; give him any job and he will do it quickly and well. So, when Julio fell quiet at work last summer, his boss took notice and began to worry; Julio was worried too. He had not been feeling well but, like so many without insurance, thought he did not have any options.

In his own words, “Coming from a low economic status is already difficult, and quality healthcare for a low cost seemed impossible to come by since medical insurance is too expensive.” Julio’s health was starting to affect his work, which would impact his wages, and going to the emergency room, even with a steady job, was not an option. Being a part-time employee for a small family business who could not afford the costly premium for their staff, Julio had few alternatives.

His boss, recommended the Clinic as a place where the uninsured could receive great care. Here, Julio saw a doctor, completed lab work, and received his prescription, all at a cost he could afford in one convenient health setting. Today, Julio is healthy and still working hard.

Media Mentions

In-Depth: Houston ‘Safety Net’ Clinic Relieved After Congress Funds CHIP - NPR News 88.7, January 24, 2018

San José Clinic brings the country together for post-Harvey revitalization - Texas Catholic Herald, September 26, 2017

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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.

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