



**Clínica Amistad**

A Project of Amistad y Salud  
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

# NEWS

MARCH 2024

## Celebrating 14 Years of Dedication: *Dr. Raymond “Rick” Graap Retires from Clínica Amistad*



After 14 years of selfless service and unwavering dedication to the community, Dr. Raymond “Rick” Graap has announced his retirement from Clínica Amistad. Throughout his tenure as the Medical Director of Clínica Amistad, a Project of Amistad y Salud, Dr. Graap has been a beacon of compassion and knowledge, providing essential healthcare services to those in need.

According to Co-Founder Evan Kligman, in 2010, Clínica Amistad was in its 8th year and growing by leaps and bounds. Every space at the WIC Center was used for patient care. “We needed a “full-time” retired physician to take over my role as Medical Director and to establish a Quality Assurance Committee. Our Co-Founder Father Ricardo came to the rescue and set up a meeting with Dr. Graap. Starting the following week, Dr. Graap established all sorts of protocols and quality assurance measures. Not only did he recruit several retired colleagues to volunteer at the clinic expanding a remarkable spectrum of physician specialists to care for our patients but helped relocate us to a new “full-time” clinic space in the El Pueblo Neighborhood Health Center, our current location, with three times as many rooms.”

Kligman stated, “Thanks to the 14 years of Dr. Graap’s tenure as Medical Director of Clínica Amistad, our Tucson community members in need of health care have benefitted with quality care while significantly improving the overall health care services in Arizona.”

Dr. Graap’s impact on the clinic and the lives of countless patients and volunteers cannot be overstated. His commitment to serving the underserved population has been a source of inspiration for both colleagues and patients alike. From routine check-ups to complex medical care, Dr. Graap has always gone above and beyond to ensure the well-being of every individual under his direction and care.

His drive to provide high-quality medical care to underserved populations has left an indelible mark on the lives of the patients we serve as well as our passionate volunteers. “We are deeply grateful for Dr. Graap’s tireless devotion and exceptional service to our clinic and the community,” said Executive Director, Nicole Glasner. “His compassion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to patient care have set a standard of excellence that will be remembered for years to come.”

As we bid farewell to Dr. Graap, we reflect on the countless lives he has touched and the legacy of leadership, understanding and excellence he leaves behind. The clinic will forever be grateful for his tireless efforts and steadfast dedication which will continue to inspire and guide us in our mission to serve those in need. “My tenure with Rick Graap was relatively short, just at five years, and we both agree what really matters is the care we provide for those less fortunate than us.” Amistad y Salud Board President, Brian Bickel stated, “Dr. Graap has been dedicated to this mission and will be greatly missed. Enjoy your retirement Rick, well deserved.”

Please join all of us in celebrating Dr. Graap’s remarkable time at Clínica Amistad and wish him a well-deserved “second” retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures. Thank you, Dr. Graap, for your service and your unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of others.



# 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

## Open House Community Celebration



*Happy Birthday, Clínica Amistad!*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Nicole Glasner



Happy Spring! As the Executive Director, I am thrilled to share some exciting updates with you all. Our dedicated team has been working tirelessly to provide essential healthcare services to those in need, and I am proud to say that we have made significant progress in expanding our reach and impact.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers, we have been able to serve a record number of patients this past quarter. We are committed to ensuring that everyone in our community has access to the care they deserve.

In addition to our regular services, we have also launched several new initiatives aimed at addressing the unique healthcare needs of our community. Whether it's providing free screenings for chronic conditions or offering educational workshops on preventive care, we are constantly striving to improve the health and well-being of those we serve.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Graap. His tireless dedication to Clínica Amistad has made a world of difference to our community, (please see front page!) If you would like to send along your congratulations, feel free to send a card or note to our PO Box and it will be delivered. Thank you Dr. Graap!

We are filled with excitement and anticipation as we work on our yearly strategic plan. We have ambitious plans for

the future, furthering our initiatives, forging new partnerships, amplifying our advocacy efforts, while providing quality healthcare for all. With your continued support, we are confident that we can make an even greater difference in the lives of the individuals we serve.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you, our supporters, donors, and partners who make our work possible. Your generosity and commitment to our mission are truly inspiring, and we could not do what we do without your support.

As we look ahead to the future, I am confident that our clinic will continue to grow and evolve, allowing us to make an even greater impact on the health of our community. Together, we can build a healthier, happier future for all.

Thank you for your continued support, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to get involved in our work. Together, we can make a difference.

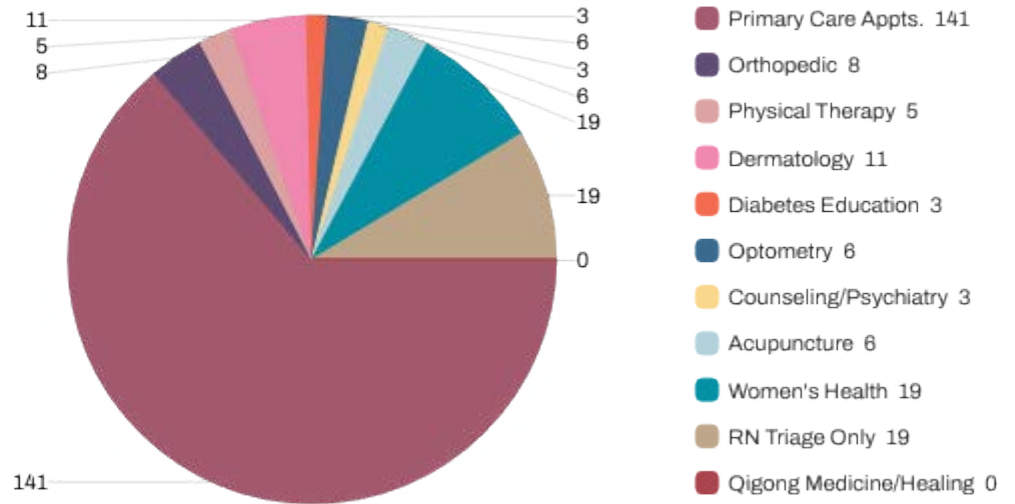
Warm regards,  
Nicole Glasner  
Executive Director

# HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

## PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS SEEN BY SPECIALTY (February 2024)

### MONTHLY RECAP

In the month of February we saw 224 patients (32 were new patients). There were 26 licensed healthcare providers donating 178 total licensed hours at the clinic. In addition, a total of 437 volunteer hours were logged by 53 students in various healthcare fields at the University of Arizona and Pima Community College.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT OUR MISSION:

*To provide free primary health care, preventative services, and education to those in need and without access to health care throughout the greater Tucson area.*

- **Donate through the website.** [clinicaamistad.org/donate](http://clinicaamistad.org/donate). It's fast and easy.
- **Write a check.** Send your contribution to: Clínica Amistad, PO Box 27284, Tucson, AZ 85726.
- **Make a tax credit donation.** Make a tax credit donation. Your donation can reduce your tax bill or increase your refund DOLLAR- FOR-DOLLAR, through the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. Unlike deductions, which reduce a person's taxable income, credits are dollar-for-dollar reductions in tax liability: See page 4 for details
- **Planned Giving.** Make a lasting gift of support.
  - Estate Gift**- name Amistad y Salud as a beneficiary of your will.
  - Donor Advised Funds**- direct your Donor Advised Fund to make a donation to Amistad y Salud.
- **Matching Gifts.** Some businesses and organizations will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Double your impact by checking with your employer today.
- **Tribute Giving.** Did you know that you can make a donation to Clínica Amistad, a Project of Amistad y Salud "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone special? Tribute Giving is a thoughtful way to recognize, remember, honor, and celebrate people and events that are important to you by giving back to your community in their name and we will send a personalized note to the individual you want to recognize.

**When you click on [www.clinicaamistad.org/donate](http://www.clinicaamistad.org/donate) you can provide health care, comfort and hope to your neighbors that need it most.**

**For more details on how to make a donation, contact Nicole at (520) 237-5075.**

Clínica Amistad is a non-profit 503(c)3 organization. Our Federal tax ID number is 75-3060875. Our AZ CQO number is 20284.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ARIZONA GIVES DAY





This Arizona Gives Day (April 2, 2024), help Clínica Amistad raise \$10,000 as we continue to serve our community's most vulnerable members. Arizona Gives Day is a statewide day of giving where nonprofits ask our community to help us raise funds. ***This year we have been blessed with a matching gift of \$2,000*** to help provide free primary health care, preventative services, and education to those in need and without access to health care throughout the greater Tucson area. This past year we've seen a major increase in our patient load. Help us by donating NOW and give our patients what they deserve: bright and HEALTHY futures. Please consider donating to our Arizona Gives Day site at [www.azgives.org/clinicaamistad](http://www.azgives.org/clinicaamistad) or directly to [www.clinicaamistad.org](http://www.clinicaamistad.org). EVERY DOLLAR HELPS!



SCAN HERE TO DONATE!

## ARIZONA TAX CREDIT

If you have not made a donation using your AZ Tax Credit, please consider doing so. Did you know that you can count your donation on your 2023 taxes if you have not filed yet? The amounts in 2023 increased. Filers can now claim single \$421/joint \$841. If you want to get a jump on your credit early for 2024 the amounts increase again and will be \$470 and \$938. Our QCO # is 20284. Information about how it works on our Facebook page and on our website, but if you have any further questions please let me know, I'm happy to help. – Nicole Glasner, Executive Director 520.237.5075

-  Make a gift to Amistad y Salud, a Qualified Charitable Organization QCO CODE: 20284
-  Keep a receipt of your gift
-  Complete the appropriate tax form (Arizona Form 321) to claim your credit for your gift to Amistad y Salud
-  Get ALL of your money back from the state of Arizona!



View our 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT here to see how your help continues to make a lifesaving impact on the patients we serve! If you would like a printed copy, please email [exec@clinicaamistad.org](mailto:exec@clinicaamistad.org)

## GO DIGITAL

Continuing to Go Digital In our continuing effort to conserve energy and resources, Clínica Amistad is trying to go as digital as possible. Therefore, if you are currently receiving this newsletter by U.S. Mail and would like to receive it via email; or if you have any recent changes to your mail or email address, please contact us by email: [exec@clinicaamistad.org](mailto:exec@clinicaamistad.org)



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HOURS OF OPERATION Wednesday & Thursday: 5-9pm • First Saturday of Every Month: 10am-2pm

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