



Dignitaries Salute Clínica Amistad during 15th Anniversary Celebration

Many government officials, including one from Mexico, helped celebrate Clínica Amistad's 15th anniversary on December 8, 2018. The Quinceañera included an open house and tour of the facilities, located at 101 W. Irvington Road, Tucson. Approximately 100 people attended the morning to early afternoon event.

All guest speakers noted the importance of the clinic, which has provided free primary medical care and associated services for 15 years to people lacking health insurance or the means to get it. Through the years, the clinic has aided more than 20,000 people at no cost to them. And all this has been possible because of the financial and volunteer help received from people like you.

Mexico's Consul to the U.S., the honorable Ricardo Pineda Albarran, attended the event and spoke highly of the need for such a clinic.

He was followed at the podium by U.S. Rep. Raúl Grijalva, who stressed the importance of care for the poor and underserved. Many of his constituents, in fact, seek medical care at the clinic.

Following the congressman were Arizona State Senator Olivia Cajero Bedford, State Representative-elect Andrés Cano, County Supervisor Richard Elías, Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Councilwoman Regina Romero.

During his remarks, Mayor Rothschild issued a proclamation that read, in part:



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Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild (Center) congratulates Dr. Evan Kligman (R), former president of the board of directors and a founding member of Amistad y Salud, the parent organization of Clínica Amistad. Current board president Larry Jagnow is shown on the left.

Whereas, for over 15 years, Clínica Amistad has been meeting the primary care medical needs of over 1,000 patients each year and keeping these individuals healthy, employable and able to care and provide for their families.

Now, therefore, I, Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 8, 2018, to be Clínica Amistad's Quinceañera in

this community and encourage all of our residents to join us in support of their important mission. ■

Patient Speaks Out at Anniversary

Quite unexpectedly, another speaker took center stage during the celebration. She was a patient, who, on her own, wanted to express her gratitude to Clínica Amistad.

Here, in part, are her words, translated from Spanish: "I am one of the patients of this clinic, and on behalf of all the people who receive this service, I want to thank everyone – everyone! – who works here for everything. I hope that this clinic grows, and the people who have the resources can continue to support this clinic so that it can be bigger and even better. May God bless you." ■



Key Facts about Who We Serve

The latest statistics for Clínica Amistad show that the number of free appointments per year have increased by 102% since 2013, the first year such statistics were compiled.

In the fiscal year from July 1, 2017 to June 20, 2018, providers and other medical staff held 2,259 appointments, with the clinic being open on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and one Saturday morning every month.

Of those coming to the clinic, 70% are women. Most patients are from 41 to 60 years of age, with our oldest being 94 and nearly 85% are of Hispanic heritage.

About 42% of the clinic's patients are employed, yet 97% lack insurance. Furthermore, some 61% fall below the federal poverty level, which is defined as yearly income of \$16,240 for a household of two.

Concerning education, 53% have had some high school or graduated from high school, while 20% have less than a high school education. Patients with some college or college diplomas total 27%.

There are 35-40 licensed healthcare providers who volunteer time at the clinic. Other volunteers number more than 60, with many being students in various healthcare fields at the University of Arizona and Pima Community College.

The clinic is overseen by a volunteer board of directors. The medical director is Dr. Raymond Graap. ■

Gala Dinner a Success

The clinic's annual Gala Dinner and Silent Auction, which was held at a University of Arizona ballroom in mid-October, was very successful. Approximately 160 patrons attended the event. Overall, there were 50 items for the silent auction, all donated by organizations, companies and individuals from the greater Tucson area. The event raised approximately \$15,000. This and other donations help defray the cost of providing care, personnel and medical supplies. ■

Join Our Crowdfunding Campaign

It's easy to help us continue to provide free care to the underserved of Tucson. All you have to do is join us in our second annual Crowdfunding Campaign, beginning this spring. Simply go to: www.clinicamistad.org/donate. You may make your contribution safely and securely. Or, if you wish, you may write a check payable to Clínica Amistad, and mail to:

**Clínica Amistad
P.O. Box 27284
Tucson, AZ. 85726**

Share the love, too, by forwarding this message to your many friends, relatives, work colleagues and others. Help us help others!

Clínica Amistad, a project of Amistad y Salud, is a non-profit, charitable 501(c)3 organization, with federal tax I.D. 75-3060875. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. ■



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 ■

Buffalo Exchange Helps Clinic

We are pleased to announce that Clínica Amistad has been selected as a recipient of the Buffalo Exchange Tokens for Bags® program from January through June, 2019. You can donate to the clinic by shopping at the exchange located at 2001 E. Speedway Boulevard. If you bring your own bag for purchases, you will receive a token which you can then designate to the clinic and 5¢ will be donated to us! It's a small amount, but with enough customers, it will become something significant for our patients. ■



LOCATION

El Pueblo Neighborhood Center
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HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday & Thursday: 5 - 9PM
First Saturday of Every Month:
10AM - 2PM

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