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Marian Clinic Painted By Volunteers

Thanks to the efforts of dedicated volunteers and the kindness of local businesses, the Marian Clinic medical and dental clinics will soon receive a fresh coat of interior paint. Volunteers from the Topeka Hallmark plant began painting the Marian Clinic at 1001 SW Garfield on February 23rd. The interior had not been painted since 1997. Upon completion, the crew will move to Marian Clinic Dental at 3164 SE 6th to paint the interior of that facility. Paint for the endeavor has been donated by Sherwin-Williams, 3373 S. Topeka Blvd and Home Depot, 5900 SW Huntoon.

The free labor from Hallmark employees comes courtesy of Hallmark's Community Assistance Program, designed for when the plant's work load is low. Instead of laying off employees at such times, the program allows plant employees to receive their paycheck as they perform volunteer work in the community for non-profit agencies in need. The agencies provide the material and Hallmark provides the labor.

"We are extremely grateful for the community's assistance in getting our clinics painted," stated Marilyn Page, Marian Clinic Executive Director. "We see thousands of patients here every year and the wear-and-tear on our space is considerable. Without the generosity of Hallmark volunteers doing the labor and Sherwin-Williams and Home Depot providing the paint, we could not afford this project. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity and support!"

Added Hallmark Plant Manager Tony Prohaska, "This is a win/win situation for us. It allows our employees to continue receiving their paycheck during a slow time, while helping a very worth community safety-net clinic. We're glad we can help."

The Marian Clinic is a non-profit clinic providing medical and dental services for the uninsured who meet income guidelines. In 2008 the Clinic saw over 4,800 patients in over 17,000 patient visits. The Clinic operates with the assistance of more than 200 volunteer doctors, nurses, and other medical specialists and is largely supported by grants and public and private charitable donations.

Donations for the Marian Clinic may be sent to Marian Clinic, 1001 SW Garfield, Topeka, KS 66604, or via the website at www.marianclinic.org.

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