

Wonderful Gift Brings New Challenges



Marian Clinic at 1001 SW Garfield

The compassion of friends and the grace and goodness of God are what keep the Marian Clinic operating. Just when we think we have reached capacity and the end of our resources, someone steps forward with assistance.

That's what happened in April when we received word that **Drs. Mark Brandsted and Richard Isaacson** from **Urology Associates of Topeka** were donating to us over 2,000 square feet of space on the second floor of the Marian Clinic's medical facility at 1001 SW Garfield.

This is an answer to a prayer. Despite the growing number of prospective patients seeking our care, and despite being blessed with over 200 volunteer health care providers, our capacity has remained at roughly 2,000 *medical* patients per year, due to the small number of exam rooms we have and the paid staff necessary to support the volunteers.

Now, we have the wonderful challenge of growing into our new space. We anticipate the space will first be used for additional dental chairs, requiring installation of plumbing, electrical, and compressed air lines, suction, remodeling, and furnishing the space with computers, furniture, telephones, and of course dental supplies. We will also need to hire other dentists and support staff. None of these are in our budget. But we have faith.

Sister Mary Rosaleen Driscoll, our Registered Nurse and Patient Advocate, has agreed to lead our campaign to finance this effort. Sister, a cancer survivor herself, understands the importance of the expansion, since she has ministered full-time at the Clinic for twenty-two years and seen the difference the Marian Clinic makes in the lives of those who have no insurance and live in poverty.



Sr. Mary Rosaleen Driscoll

According to Sister, "Mother Teresa said 'Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. The rest will be given,' and that's what I believe. Every gift, whether of prayer or resources, brings us closer to our expansion, which will provide health care, hope and healing for more individuals and families in need. I ask that God will continue to bless our work, that of our partners, and particularly bless the lives of our patients."

The Marian Clinic has set a goal of \$225,000 for this effort. If you would like to help, please send your tax-deductible donations to 1001 SW Garfield, Topeka, KS 66604, or through our secure PayPal account on our website www.marianclinic.org. Together we can serve many.

“In The Spirit....”



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We are grateful to Dr. Mark Bransted and Dr. Richard Isaacson for generously donating Suite 3A in our 1001 Garfield site to the Marian Clinic. Their gift will allow the Clinic to serve more of the poor and vulnerable.

With this gift of additional space comes the stewardship challenge to use it wisely. The Board Planning Committee is diligently at work determining options to expand services, in order to better benefit those in need in our community.

Our strategic plan calls for expansion of dental services, so this is on the drawing board. The rest of the planning is in His hands. Listening to staff input and translating all of that into workable affordable plans are the tasks ahead. Later this year medical staff will gladly endure the inconvenience of renovation construction noise and dust. Hopefully by the year's end, more availability of services will be reality.

On another note, later this summer Marian Clinic will become a **Harvester's Food** distribution site once a month. We are working to coordinate with nearby **Loman Hill Elementary School** and our patients to make the news known. Distributing free food to feed the hungry in our neighborhood is a call we are answering.

Please pray for our expansion plans to be successful and for the free food to reach those most in need. We also ask that you please continue to support Marian Clinic as your hands doing His work here in Shawnee County, taking care of our brothers and sisters.

In the peace of His spirit,

Bob Trepinski
Executive Director

You probably already know what the Marian Clinic is called to do. But perhaps you don't know how we actually operate.

We provide medical and dental care to those who have no insurance and who live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. We work out of two buildings, one medical, one dental. The medical building was built in the 1960s and is “challenging.” We have a small

paid staff (about 40) and over 200 *volunteer* physicians, nurses, and others. Medical patients who meet financial eligibility requirements must reside in Shawnee County. They are asked to pay a \$15 fee, but if they cannot they are treated *for free*. There is no residency requirement for dental patients, who are asked to pay on a small sliding-scale, based on their income and the dental procedure .

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Marian Clinic Opens New Doors, Restores Hope

Ardith Kay “Kate” Jones came to Marian Clinic in June 2008 filled with despair about a number of issues in her life. She began working with Marian Clinic staff physician **Dr. Nancy Welsh** as her primary care provider and with volunteer psychiatrist **Dr. Doug Jones** for her depression. With the Clinic’s help Kate was able to stop smoking and as part of her continuing care she received a new pair of dentures at Marian Clinic Dental to address unhealthy dental issues.



Kate displays her new smile

Now, Kate looks forward to salads again, which she hasn’t been able to enjoy for years, and to a better overall quality of life. Marian Clinic Social Worker, **Charlotte Rinsley** connected her with a local employment training program. Kate is now learning all the latest computer skills, which will assist her in gaining meaningful employment.

Sister Mary Rosaleen Driscoll, Patient Advocate, has been a constant source of encouragement and strength throughout Kate’s care. In Kate’s words, “Sister Mary Rosaleen and Marian Clinic are awesome! I came to Marian Clinic asking God for his help. Now, I come in gratefulness for the many blessings I have received.”

For You have been a defense for the helpless, a defense for the needy in his distress. *Isaiah 25:4.*

Where your dollars go

- \$15 provides 1 patient medical visit
- \$25 provides 1 tooth extraction
- \$50 provides 1 pair of eyeglasses
- \$477.50 provides care for 1 patient for 1 year.

Thank you

Volunteers are the backbone of the Clinic. Thank you to recent United Way Day of Caring volunteers **Eddie Ryser, Tina Riggles, Lisa Wamego, Diana Koch, and Yolanda Wabski** of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort for the landscaping work you did at our medical building.

Needs List:

- Staff dentist and dentist volunteers
- Volunteer Spanish interpreters
- Medical chart dividers
- First-class stamps
- Cases of photocopy paper
- Kleenex and paper towels
- An electric stapler
- Patient supplies such as shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, deodorant, hand/body lotion, cough drops, adult diapers, sanitary supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss, toilet paper.
- Prayers for the Clinic, for our many community partners that help us sustain this ministry, and for our patients and their families.

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September 11 "The Ultimate Concert" at Washburn U.



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We partner with Stormont-Vail and St. Francis Hospitals and dozens of social service agencies and pharmaceutical companies to provide millions of dollars of care and medicine, mostly or entirely free to patients.

That is our "strategy." Our capability for implementing our mission is limited by the amount of space we have in which to operate, the condition of those physical structures, the number of staff we can afford to pay, and the dollars it takes to operate.

We know we are helping thousands of our brothers and sisters every year. Yet there are still so many in need that we must schedule new patients further

into the future for their first appointment. We would like to do better and our patients deserve it.

We deeply appreciate the volunteers, partners, and donors, without whom we could not continue. We rely on grants, small patient fees, some support from the Sisters of Charity, and public donations to support this ministry.

We also rely on God to bring what we need according to His timing.

If you have any questions, please call me at 233-9780, ext. 328, or visit our website at www.marianclinic.org. — Bob

Marian Clinic's Mission:

We will, in the spirit of the Sisters of Charity, reveal God's healing love by improving the health of the individuals and communities we serve, especially those who are poor or vulnerable.

Marian Clinic is an affiliate of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System and a 501-C-3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible. Prayers are also appreciated.