



ANGELS AMONG US

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Grace Clinics of Ohio

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FREE MEDICAL MINISTRY

DELAWARE

COLUMBUS (LINDEN)

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Message from the Executive Director

Earlier this year, states that accepted additional federal Medicaid funding during the pandemic began unwinding the requirement that all Medicaid enrollees receive continuous coverage until the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

In the state of Ohio, as of October 2023, 74% of enrollees with completed renewals are still eligible for Medicaid and have retained their coverage, while 19% were disenrolled for procedural reasons (e.g., the renewal process was not completed) and 7% were found ineligible for Medicaid.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid found that, in July 2023, more than half (53%) of the enrollees who were disenrolled for procedural reasons were identified as likely ineligible for Medicaid coverage. As a result, free charitable health clinics have seen an increase in volumes and services provided. In this report we have illustrated the increase in volumes we have experienced at Grace Clinics of Ohio.

Grace Clinics have over 204 volunteers and I am extremely grateful for our prayer partners, providers, pharmacists, nurses, interpreters, front desk personnel, and many others that make the clinics run smoothly. It is only through their time and treasures that the clinics can serve others.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with Grace Clinics of Ohio. I greatly appreciate your partnership and generosity. The year 2023 was a year of growth, transition, and God was glorified through the free medical care provided to our patients. May 2024 be a year where we can continue to serve and show others the love of Jesus. It takes a village; I am thankful for the Grace Clinics of Ohio village of volunteers and employees.

Kay Melching, MSA, RN, AACC



Message from our Board Chairperson, Russ Martin

Grace Clinics of Ohio has faced many challenges in recent years with the pandemic, a change in leadership and adjustments in funding streams. But through it all, the sovereign hand of God has shown His faithfulness to a ministry that, from the beginning, has sought to honor Jesus Christ and the message of His good news.

The ministry continues to grow and partner with like-minded believers and requires us to routinely stop and focus on what matters most. From the beginning, and with each opportunity to witness the practical work of providing medical care to those in need as a means to plant the seed of the Gospel, I have always felt it was as if we were witnessing the true hands and feet of the Savior.

As I pen this note of encouragement on Thanksgiving 2023, I am reminded we have much to be thankful for. The Lord continues to provide us with volunteers and a new Executive Director, Kay Melching, that truly care about this ministry and most importantly the Truth of the Gospel. As we reflect upon the accomplishments of 2023 and look ahead to 2024, please join us in continuing to support this good work in any way that you feel inspired to assist and, above all else, please pray for the work and ministry of the Grace Clinics of Ohio. May God continue to bless our servant volunteers and those to whom we minister on a regular basis.

Russ Martin

Cover Image Martha, originally from Uganda, is a committed volunteer who loves serving our patients. She finds time from school and part time jobs to share the love of Jesus with our patients. She is a true angel among us.



Grace Clinics of Ohio

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FREE MEDICAL MINISTRY

The mission of Grace Clinic is to **love God and love people** while using medicine as a vehicle to share the gift God gave us in Jesus. The medical staff will provide basic, sound, quality medical care to those who would otherwise not have access to it in a loving, compassionate, non-threatening way. The patient's illness will be addressed by considering their physical, spiritual, emotional, mental and social needs.



What our patients are saying about us:

- "Great staff and caring doctors"
- "Honestly, I am not sure I would be alive if not for Grace Clinic. We could not afford medical care, and because of not taking care of myself, I ended up in the hospital. After being released from the hospital, I came here (Grace Clinic) and the wonderful staff worked with me to make sure that I could afford my medications I was prescribed, I've been coming here ever since."
- "Over the years Grace Clinics has become my safe space"
- "Hardin Clinic is a true blessing!"
- "We appreciate the clinic for the excellent medical care but, better than that, the loving attention the staff gives freely."
- "You guys are amazing! God is here, you are all so friendly, and it makes me feel welcomed."

Beth came to Grace Clinics in Delaware for dental care and an eye exam.

Through a grant from SourcePoint the clinic was able to provide Beth with dentures and new eyeglasses.

"I can smile again and see my smile clearly"



"We served a lady from Haiti recently. She has been in the United States about two months. She requested prayer. As I gathered with her to pray, she insisted the remaining volunteers join us.

She prayed in Haitian Creole, and I understood a few Halleluiahs and Jesus, but wow it did not matter, the spirit was powerful. She was praying for us, the staff, volunteers, and other patients. It is humbling when a patient prays for us!"

Bob

Volunteer and board member



Grace Clinics of Ohio, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of free medical clinics serving those who are uninsured or underinsured with free medical appointments, prescription assistance, and specialists.

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Charitable Healthcare Network (CHN) is pleased to announce Grace Clinics of Ohio as the 2023 Free Clinic of the Year Award winner.

Following the clinic's founding in 2006 in Delaware, Ohio, the organization now serves five locations throughout central Ohio, including Delaware, the Linden neighborhood of Columbus, Marion, Wellston, and our newest clinic in Hilliard.

Dr. Dorado Named Free Clinic Physician of the Year



Dr. Dorado (first row, second from left) accepted his 2022 award in April 2023 at the annual meeting

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Charitable Healthcare Network (CHN) is pleased to announce James Dorado, MD of Grace Clinics of Ohio in Delaware as the 2022 Free Clinic Physician of the Year.

Dr. James Dorado has served as a volunteer physician with Grace Clinics of Ohio for 15 years. He also serves on the organization's Board of Directors and the Fundraising Committee and supports the clinic in all facets of operations, from Board service to volunteer physician, to securing sponsors and donors for successful fundraising events. In addition, Dr. Dorado and his wife created the Run 4 the Health Of It charity event, raising over \$350,000 to help the underserved.

Dorado joined the nation's largest physician-owned primary care organization, Central Ohio Primary Care (COPC), in 2000. He remains a full-time primary-care physician and serves in multiple administrative roles, including COPC's Board of Directors and its charitable Foundation.

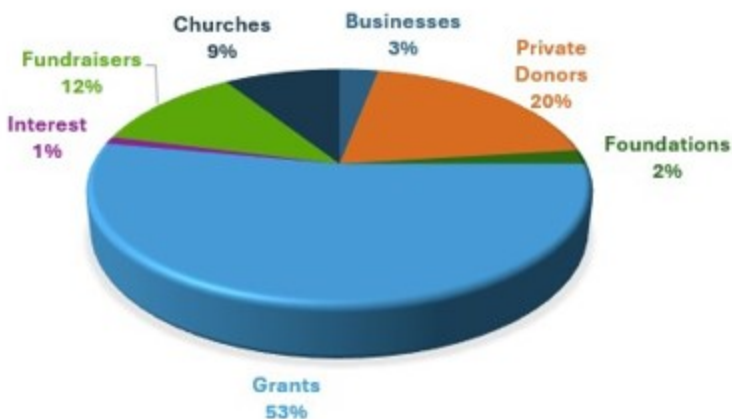
Grace Clinics' impact	2022	2023	Percent increase 2022-2023
Patients served	1479	1661	+12%
Patient visits	1883	2362	+25%
Prescriptions filled	515	556	+18%
Labs completed	542	661	+22%
Eyeglasses provided	107	105	-0.2%
Prayers	Over 50% of our patients accept prayer either in person or via the telephone.		

Volunteer Impact

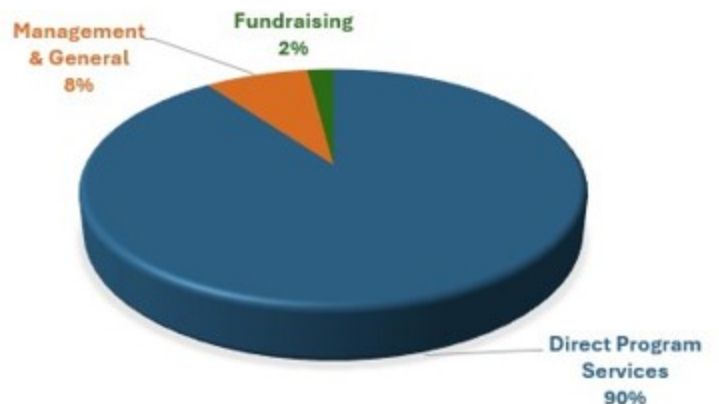
\$750,000 In-kind time Over **204** Volunteers serve at our five locations



2023 INCOME



2023 FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES



Patient Impact

When Roger (not his real name) walked into the Delaware office, he couldn't afford to buy a can of soda, but by the time he left, Roger felt like a rich man.

Amanda Haines, Lead Nurse for Grace Clinics reported that Roger told her he had 75 cents to his name. He was homeless, living on the streets of Delaware. He was a diabetic who could not get the medication he needed nor the ability to see a doctor. Amanda said "He was so touched by all the things we helped him with, it brought him to tears. He could not believe someone he met that day would care so much about him."

Roger's medical, spiritual, and physical needs were met that day. Members of a local Bible study provided Roger with a hot meal. The doctor on call wrote prescriptions for everything Roger needed to treat his diabetes and the clinic's onsite pharmacy then provided all the needed medicine.

While Roger was being treated, he confided to the staff that he had a job interview in two days but had no place to sleep until then. It was pouring down rain and cold when Roger left the clinic. The doctor who treated him that day felt convicted to be returning to his warm house, when this guy didn't have any place to stay. He decided to drive around the city of Delaware to find him, which he did, and gave him the gift of a warm and dry two-night stay in a hotel.

Currently there are 204 medical and administrative volunteers, most who have practices and/or full-time jobs, who generously donate their time. All, staff and volunteers, agree that it's stories like this that make it easy to work and volunteer at Grace Clinics.

"It's really awesome to work in a place that allows us to give back to the people in the community. We can meet people where they are and care for them. While doing that, we get to share the good news of Jesus. It truly fills our cup daily, and our patients are so thankful the clinic exists," reports Amanda.

The history of Grace Clinics began in 2006 when Amanda's twin uncles, Dr. Kent Doherty, and Dr. Kevin Doherty, with a helping hand from the Grace Powell Church, formed the Grace Clinic in Delaware. They wanted to meet a need in the community for people who couldn't afford their deductibles or who had medical needs but lacked health insurance. Amanda reported their goal was

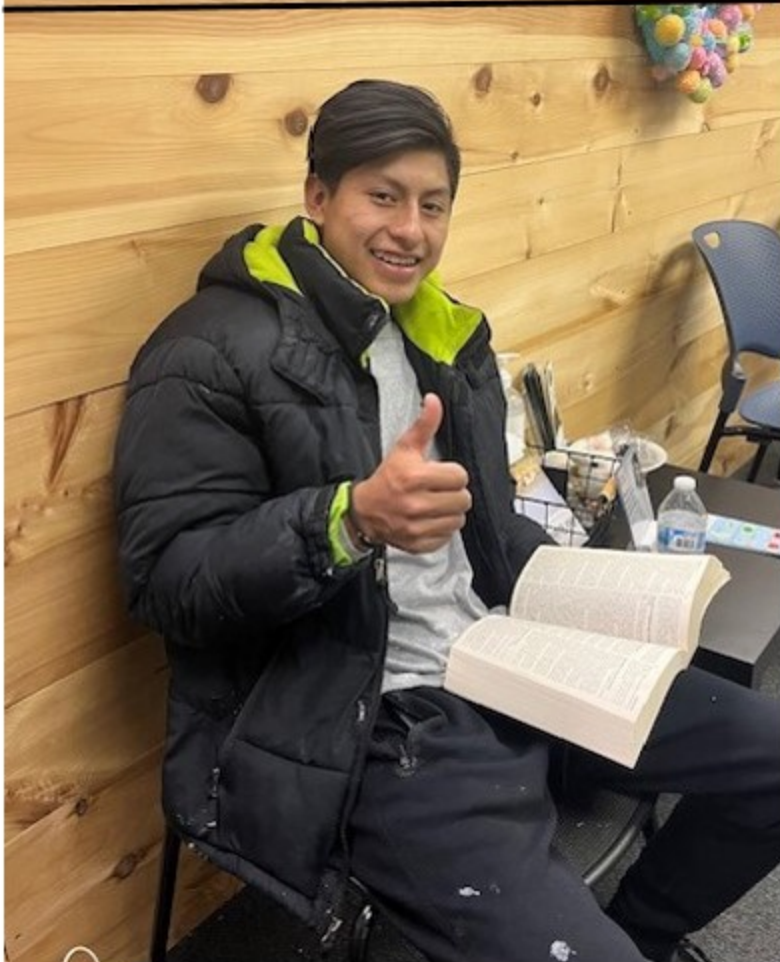
"...He could not believe someone he met that day would care so much about him."

"to take care of anybody who walks through our doors, no questions asked; to remove all the barriers so people could show up and get the quality medical care they needed, completely free. The entire mission of Grace Clinics is to lead people to Christ by offering them free medical care."

Since the beginning the clinics have increased to five locations, adding Linden, Marion, Wellston, and Hilliard to the original clinic in Delaware.

People are always hurting, whether it's through financial situations, their health, or experiencing dark times and feelings of hopelessness. There's always pain; there's always sin. God calls us to look for these people so we may help them, take them under our wings, and show them Jesus.

If one patient has taught Amanda this, it was Roger. Months after he came to the clinic that rainy day, Roger returned with a plate of cookies. "He just thanked us from the bottom his heart," Amanda remembered. He said "I'm not really sure what I would have done because I was getting very sick without some of my medications. Essentially, you saved my life."



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