



CARES CLINIC

Community Aid, Relief, Education & Support

College of Medicine

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ABOUT CARES

The **MUSC CARES (Community Aid, Relief Education & Support) Clinic** is a medical student-initiated and managed nonprofit organization that opened its doors in 2005. We provide free medical care to the underserved, uninsured population in the Lowcountry. At CARES, licensed providers volunteer their time to care for our patients while teaching medical, pharmacy and PA students. Our faculty, providers and student volunteers receive no compensation for their time.

All of our patients are uninsured or underinsured, and without the clinic, many of those patients would not receive any medical care at all or would resort to costly (and often unnecessary) emergency room visits. CARES not only offers free and reliable health care to those who would not otherwise have access to care, but also valuable hands-on learning for MUSC students. Providing these valuable services would not be possible without generous support from our community. We are deeply grateful for the charitable contributions of the individuals and businesses who support the CARES Clinic and the patients we serve.

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear CARES Clinic Friends,

Thank you for your support of the MUSC CARES Medical Clinic! In 2021, the CARES student-run free clinic celebrated its 16th year of operations. We continued our mission of providing quality health care at no cost to the underserved populations of South Carolina and educating future health care professionals through our service to these patients.

In 2021, the CARES Medical Clinic was open for 155 clinic nights. We provided care to 361 unduplicated patients for a total of 472 appointments with the help of 76 volunteer preceptors and hundreds of volunteer students. In addition to providing complete medical evaluations for acute complaints and chronic disease management, CARES was also able to provide a range of services and referrals (shown in the chart) through partnerships with East Cooper Community Outreach, Roper St. Francis, LabCorp, Access Health and the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center Mobile Screening Unit.

Keeping our volunteers and patients safe during the pandemic was paramount, and this necessitated changes to clinic operations including expansion of our online platforms and sometimes reshaping the entire flow of outreach events. Even with challenges of the pandemic, the CARES Medical Clinic provided uninsured patients with \$387,594 worth of health care in the past year.

Outside of our Mount Pleasant clinic, CARES has two outreach programs. Our Pediatric Preventative Care Clinic provided over 100 kids with necessary vaccines to save them from suspension in school. Our rural outreach program takes a team of volunteer students to St. Stephen every other month to perform general health screenings, provide full medical appointments and distribute produce to hundreds of households.

Your kind and generous support has been crucial in allowing us to reach our goals and expand the scope of the CARES Clinic. Therefore, we sincerely appreciate your support and encouragement, and we hope you will remember the CARES Clinic in your future philanthropic plans.

Best regards,



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SERVICE	NUMBER	AVERAGE COST
Primary Care Appointment	472	\$175
Labs	134	\$1,500
X-Ray	22	\$360
Ultrasound	21	\$525
CT Scan	2	\$1,200
Mammogram	33	\$102
Specialty Appointment	86	\$175
Physical Therapy	22	\$1,200
St. Stephen Family Food Distributions	1,099	\$27.50
Vaccines	129	Avg OOP \$59/visit
Total Estimated Cost of Services		\$387,594.50

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CARES team and Charleston County School District staff at the fall 2021 Pediatric Preventative Care clinic. (l-r) Elizabeth Brady RN, Kenjorie Ware MHA '23 (behind), Gabrielle Young COM '23, Dr. Anita Ramsetty CARES Co-Director, Marsha Glatt RN, Hayley Fowler COM '24, and Cecilia Padron COM '25.