

*Do you
love your
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La
Familia?*

*See
Inside!*

LA FAMILIA TURNS 40!

In 1972, the small building that currently houses Jake's Upholstery on the corner of Hickox and Oñate was home to the Santa Fe Family Health Service. The private clinic consisted of just two exam rooms and was staffed by one physician and one nurse. In just a few years, this small clinic would move to a larger space and change its name to La Familia Medical Center.

To mark this 40th year milestone, we will share with you --our patients, donors and supporters -- some of the history of this community institution that has been serving the health care needs of Santa Fe residents for four decades.

The road for LFMC has not been a easy one largely because of the constant search for funding. But the story of the past forty years is about the determination of many good people -- not medical professionals alone but of board members, administrators, public servants and others who worked to meet the medical, dental and health education needs of the people -- especially the people who had nowhere else to go.

This issue will be about La Familia's growth as demonstrated by changes in location and expansion from the two room clinic pictured below to the four sites in various parts of the community. In the coming months we will share with you some of the stories of those who helped to build and sustain LFMC.

La Familia's first "real" home was at 1121 Alto St. which was built with Community Development Block Grant funds obtained by the City of Santa Fe. The building housed a City-run daycare center and La Familia. Operational funding came from several sources including the City of Santa Fe, NM Dept. of Health, the United Way, St. Anne's Parish and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith. When the daycare center closed in 1984, La Familia took over their space. But by 1987, it was clear the expanded space wasn't sufficient to meet the growing need. Another CDBG grant funded improvements to the building and for the first time, LFMC secured federal funding for operations when La Clinica de la Gente, located in the Village of Agua Fria, decided to give up their federal funding and become a private clinic. Another block grant and Capital Improvement Program grant paid for the improvements.



This small clinic was funded by the Model Cities program which was a part of Lyndon Johnson's 1960s "War on Poverty". One current La Familia employee recalls going there as a patient and being given a used housecoat for a patient robe. No wonder some folks refer to that site as the "hippy clinic".

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La Familia Medical Center is dedicated to providing excellent, affordable, comprehensive medical, dental and health promotion services to everyone in our community.

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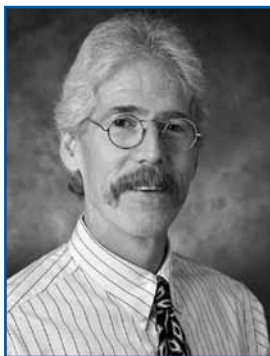
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Established in 1972, La Familia Medical Center is a not-for-profit, 501 C (3) organization devoted to providing high quality, culturally sensitive medical and dental services to the whole community.

CEO'S MESSAGE

Forty years ago La Familia Medical Center (LFMC) was established to provide health services to Santa Fe's neediest population. Since that time the need has grown and so have services provided by the only federally qualified health center in our community.

This milestone year is cause for reflection and recognition of the volunteer efforts it took to form a community-based, patient-oriented Board of Directors to secure start-up resources and to employ family medicine providers and staff dedicated to developing a non-profit health service organization.

La Familia Medical Center's first clinic opened the door of affordable primary health care to underserved neighborhood residents, generations of hard-working rural families, city service-industry employees and the community at large.

To be sure, part of the at-large community includes over 5,000 homeless men, women and children. Expanding services through a federal funded Health Care for the Homeless program, LFMC has served as their "medical home" since 2002.

This year marks another milestone for LFMC -- the first anniversary of our Dental Clinic, opened in collaboration with Santa Fe Community College. The collaborative effort of stretching public funds, qualifying for non-profit grants and managing shared resources has afforded a state-of-the-art dental practice for education and oral health. Reflecting on last year's grand opening, patients, students, staff, providers, board members, private donors, elected officials and all who contributed to this remarkable accomplishment, gathered in expressions of gratitude.

Currently, at our four sites, some 240 patients a day have access to excellent dental health and family medicine. Beginning with prenatal care and birth, La Familia Medical Center serves all ages and walks of life, elementary-age to Medicare-age, troubled teenagers, adult medicine, and the indigent population. These services are unique in that no other medical or dental practices in the City or County attempt to provide such comprehensive primary health care; nor are their services accessible by such a volume of uninsured patients.

Every year in the Capital City begins with public attention focused on the State's well-being. Improving access to affordable healthcare is a vital measure of the well-being of New Mexicans. La Familia Medical Center is grateful for our legislators' advocacy on behalf of non-profit community health centers.

This spring, at a conference of up-and-coming local business leaders, it was my privilege to address the role of non-profits in providing healthcare in Santa Fe County. The most gratifying recognition for the enduring value of our community health center was expressed by a next-generation Santa Fean leader, who attributed the health of his 101 year old grandmother to the quality of care she has received at La Familia Medical Center for forty years.

John Cassidy
Chief Executive Officer

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Pictured below are the various locations of La Familia Medical Center past and present, the Health Care for the Homeless site and the new dental clinic. Special anniversaries and milestones such as our 40th year are inspirational because they remind everyone involved with how very far this community health center has come and how many people have come through these doors.



In 1973 the City got a Community Development Block Grant to construct the building at 1121 Alto St. La Familia had only about 30% of the space with the other 70% devoted to the City daycare center.



The current home of La Familia's largest site was built in 1995 as part of a major civic improvement project that included the construction of the Senior Center. The new space tripled the size of the previous site. Once again, funding came from a variety of sources including the Federal Government, State of New Mexico and City of Santa Fe. The McCune Foundation made a very large grant to equip the new clinic. The City retains ownership of the building.



Almost as soon as the Alto St. site was completed, the need for a facility on the south side of the city became apparent. The building on Caja del Oro Grant Road was completed in 2000. The County supports the clinic by underwriting the rental cost.



In 2002, LFMC opened a drop-in clinic on Camino Sierra Vista to serve the homeless population of Santa Fe. Since that time an average of 1,000 adults and teens have been served at Health Care for the Homeless annually. Federal, state, city and private funding support the operation of the facility.



In 2011, a new dental clinic was opened on the campus of the Santa Fe Community College. The building was constructed with a bond issue and the clinic was equipped with federal stimulus funds.

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of Santa Fe for over twenty years:*

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La Familia's Dental Team To the Rescue



Three La Familia Medical Center Dental Clinic angels traveled to Las Cruces in March to participate in the New Mexico Mission of Mercy (MOM) . This program, operated by the New Mexico Dental Foundation, brings much needed dental services to hundreds of low income/uninsured children, adults and seniors. All that was required to be a patient was a willingness to wait in line for one of the 200 dental chairs that were set up.

Drs. Jessica Brewster and Anne McLean and Dental Assistant Adriana Ortega volunteered their time and paid their own expenses to participate in this two day program which took place March 2-3 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

“This is the second year of the program,” Dr. Brewster reported. “This year over the course of two long days \$928,195 in dental services was donated by 1500 volunteers. “It is quite

an operation because temporary plumbing has to be provided along with compressed air, drains and suction. It was a tremendous experience for me.”

Dr. Brewster performed a full range of services including oral surgery. She extracted more than 30 teeth and treated over 15 patients each day. Dr. McLean and Adriana did dental triage – examining patients to determine their oral health needs.