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In 2017, as our country grappled with a dramatically changed political landscape, La Clínica’s staff and board reached deep into our past for sources of strength and inspiration to confront threats to our mission. As we did in the 1980s, La Clínica marched. We raised our voices. We stood up for healthcare as a human right.

We strengthened our commitment to safe spaces for the most vulnerable communities. We developed a Know Your Rights campaign to communicate health justice messages and safety advice. Our “No Human Being is Illegal” campaign resonated through all areas of our work.

We opened two new sites: La Casa in Mount Pleasant, DC and an Empodérate site in Langley Park, MD. La Casa now houses Entre Amigas, Health Promotion, community outreach initiatives, and provides a firm foundation for our advocacy. Empodérate in Langley Park is the first-ever Latinx LGBTQ center in an area where safe spaces are hard to find. Through these two sites, we have increased our advocacy efforts and deepened our commitment to health equity in Prince George’s County, MD.

La Clínica worked hard in 2017 to manage our growth and build sustainably for the future. Financially, it was a difficult year, and we took necessary steps to achieve greater financial health as an organization. Our leadership team made it a priority to keep expenses as low as possible while pursuing all sources of sustainable revenue. We are proud to report that La Clínica ended the year on stronger financial footing than it began. For this, we have many friends to thank. Our work in 2017 would not have been possible without the dramatic support we received from our partners in the DC Government, the foundation community, new corporate friends, and extraordinarily generous individuals who sought to make an impact for those most in need by donating their time and treasure so that La Clínica can keep building a healthy Latino community for years to come.

Thank you, friends, for standing with us in our work. Juntos estamos en la lucha,

Alicia Wilson, Executive Director
Lisa Wise, Board President
MAKING HEALTHCARE A HUMAN RIGHT...

IN 2017

- 4,447 patients
  - Age 0-17: 712
  - Age 18-64: 3,352
  - Age 65+: 383

- 21,034 interpretation services provided

- 53,651 encounters through Community Health Action

- 3,500 substance abuse services provided

- 75 health promoters trained

- 85% of patients prefer to be served in a language other than English

- 82% patients uninsured at Hyattsville clinic

- 100% of HIV diagnoses, linked to care within 90 days

- 41% of patients are at or below Federal Poverty Level ($25,100 for a family of 4)
GILSON ARGUETA
MI REFUGIO ALUM

Gilson is a 2017 graduate of Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, MD where La Clínica offers a school-based mental health program. Gilson was one of our first students to graduate from the program. He received two scholarships to continue on to college. Gilson continues to volunteer with Mi Refugio, serving as a mentor to other students applying for post-secondary scholarships and recently became a Community Health Educator. Gilson came to the United States alone, and he wrote this poem about his experience.

An Immigrant Student in America

Couple years ago I departed to the north nest,
Stuffed all my aspirations and my hunger for prosperity,
With a deafening agony in my chest.
I left behind my beloved family in the adversity.
With misty eyes, I promised my progenitors to return.

A deadly adventure to America,
Cornered by spiteful human traffickers,
Culminating in the warm coolers,
Suddenly rescued by some miraculous kindred.
Yes, finally in America at the end.

Discrimination and rejection at school passionately welcomed me,
Supposedly, my transitory home was my protected place,
Although, The echo of the “gurgle, gurgle” in my stomach
Resounded in the empty space
At least the small couch in the kitchen was restful.

Cold mornings and long nights
Still pilfer my crystal tears
My soul yearns to breathe the pure air of the meadows
And my soul wildly wishes to hug my mom again.

One day the dark storm will be gone
And the rainbow will come out.

Then, I will release all my heavy chains,
And I will return to my beloved birthplace.
Then, I will not be an Immigrant anymore.

“In 2017 I was just another immigrant student having issues with school, family, and psychologically. To my misfortune, I had no one I could trust enough to tell my situation. Everything blew up when I started looking for colleges and I did not know what to do. Mi Refugio was not only the place where I could cry out all my problems and get advice. It became my college architect, helping me plan and build my way toward college.”
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THROUGH ADVOCACY

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL
In May 2017, La Clínica del Pueblo launched its “No Human Being is Illegal” campaign inspired by Elie Wiesel (writer, Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor) who said: “You who are so-called illegal aliens must know that no human being is illegal. That is a contradiction in terms. Human beings can be beautiful or more beautiful, they can be fat or skinny, and they can be right or wrong, but illegal? How can a human being be illegal?”

In 2017, we witnessed increased anti-immigration sentiment in the United States, building on a history of exclusion and discrimination. At La Clínica del Pueblo, we know that illegalization and criminalization of immigrant communities are detrimental to health.

We are changing the conversation. We developed a Know Your Rights campaign to equip our community with information they need. And we launched our No Human Being Is Illegal campaign to raise awareness. We believe healthcare is a human right, because no human being is illegal.

ABOUT THE BUTTERFLY

Monarch butterflies traverse North America without visas or regulations. They cover thousands of miles every year, spending summer in Canada and winter in Mexico. Immigrant rights activists have used the monarch as a symbol of peaceful migration for generations due to its ability to freely move across borders.

In our No Human Being is Illegal butterfly, you can see the human migrant symbolized and centered within the design. On the butterfly’s wings are hands, representing the strenuous labor and toil of the immigrant experience, and two determined eyes - the windows to the soul - which embody the immigrants’ humanity. At the far edge of each wing is a heart, illustrating another quintessential aspect of the migrant journey in which a person possesses not only two hands and eyes, but two hearts as well. As leaving one’s homeland splinters the heart, a fragment of it is forever left behind, while the other half remains with the corporal self to begin loving in a new life elsewhere.
In 2017, we worked to build a healthy Latino community in new areas. We’ve pushed beyond the boundaries of Washington, DC and we are spreading our wings into Prince George’s County, MD.

HYATTSVILLE CLINIC

We celebrated the grand opening of our Hyattsville clinic in November 2016 and we are so proud of all that we achieved there in 2017 during our first fully operational year. There is a serious need for greater health equity in Prince George’s County. One in three Latinos in Maryland does not have health insurance, and the majority of those individuals reside within the beltway in Prince George’s County. We serve over 1,000 patients at the Hyattsville clinic alone, and for many of our patients, coming to La Clínica is the first time they are seeing a doctor. Through primary care, mental health care, and community health services, we are building a healthy Latino community in Prince George’s County.

EMPODÉRATE

Since our grand opening in spring of 2017, word is getting around about this light-filled oasis on the 3rd floor of the Riggs building. Many individuals in the Langley Park area fled their country of origin to escape discrimination based on their sexual orientation and/or gender-identity. Lazaro, Program Associate for Empodérated, first came to La Clínica as a medical patient in 2009, and quickly became involved in Empodérated as a Health Promoter. Sitting down with Lazaro, he reflected on why Empodérated’s expanded safe space in Langley Park is so important.

“Back in 2009 I learned a lot about what prepared me for the position I have now. It’s amazing to work for an organization that I have so much respect for. La Clínica had my back when I needed it the most, and now I can contribute to the mission.

“Langely Park, MD has a large Transgender community, but Langley Park is not as receptive as DC. Empodérate is one of the only LGBTQ Latinx-focused programs in Prince George’s County, so the impact that it’s had is huge. Just the fact that now people can receive navigation services and free HIV testing in Spanish, whereas before they had to go to the County Offices in Upper Marlboro to get tested, makes a huge difference.”
In 2017, our Community Health Action department moved to its permanent home at La Casa in Mount Pleasant, DC. La Casa has long been a central gathering spot for community activism in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood. La Clínica is proud to carry on the spirit of the space by providing services through our public health initiatives and programs, including Entre Amigas and Health Promotion. Having a permanent home for our community-based health initiatives allows us to anchor ourselves among the people and places where we are most needed. Whether it’s creating a safe space for women experiencing domestic violence, or hosting a cooking class on a Saturday morning, La Casa is buzzing with healthy, happy activity!
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2017 REVENUE

- Government Grants and Contracts: 55%
- Foundation and Corporate Grants: 10%
- Individual Contributions: 4%
- Earned Income: 30%
- Other Revenue: 1%

2017 EXPENSES

- Patient Services: 34%
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse: 11%
- Community Health Action: 17%
- Language Access: 14%
- Program Integration and Evaluation: 3%
- Development and Communications: 4%
- Administrative: 17%

TOTAL FY15 FY16 FY17
REVENUE $10,115,178 $12,644,340 $12,609,225
EXPENSES $9,662,404 $12,065,340 $12,199,129
We thank our Board Members for their volunteer service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our mission.
NANCY
PROMOTORA DE SALUD, ENTRE AMIGAS

“I always say that it is the greatest blessing of my life to be a Promotora. What has been given to me, now I give to others. When I get to accompany another woman who is going through the same thing I went through and she says ‘thank you for being here with me,’ it fills my heart to hear that.”

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BY EMPOWERING OTHERS

43
women were navigated to legal services to adjust immigration status based on gender based violence or age*
From 2016 to 2018*

To read more: http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-sessions-asylum-decision-20180810-story.html
“I came to Mi Familia because I wanted a better relationship with my daughter. You know, there is so much stress when you are a single, immigrant mother, with children in different countries. There is a lot of trauma we experience. I have learned so much in Mi Familia. Now, I can say that I see things from a different perspective than how I saw them before. I have learned how to forgive. Now, I know how to explain things to my daughter and communicate much better with her. The relationship between us has gotten much better.”
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