



# Gennesaret Free Clinics

TRUE COMPASSION IS **ACTION**  
YOUR **ACTION** SAVES LIVES

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## OUR MISSION

Gennesaret Free Clinics (GFC) provides quality, accessible and compassionate patient-centered healthcare for persons experiencing homelessness or lacking established healthcare. Seeking to serve, Gennesaret Free Clinics is a dedicated team of healthcare professionals, staff, and volunteers who treat all persons with dignity and respect.

## OUR VISION

Since 1988, Gennesaret Free Clinics has annually served thousands of the most vulnerable individuals in the Indianapolis community, including those experiencing homelessness and living in poverty. GFC is disrupting poverty in Marion County by bringing compassionate and patient-centered healthcare directly to those who need it the most at no cost.

# GENNESARET FREE CLINICS STARTED WITH A BOWL OF SOUP.



Our story began in February 1988 when Dr. James A. Trippi, a local physician, was volunteering at a local soup kitchen.



As he observed his fellow neighbors navigating the lengthy lines and collecting their warm meals, the majority of whom were experiencing homelessness, he couldn't help but begin diagnosing their visible ailments in his head.

HE FINALLY MUSTERED THE  
COURAGE TO ASK PEOPLE IF  
THEY HAD ACCESS TO  
MEDICAL CARE, ONLY TO BE  
MET WITH A RESOUNDING...

"NO, I DON'T."

Awakened by the need, Dr. Trippi packed his black medical bag and rallied some of his colleagues together to provide treatment to the most medically underserved Hoosiers in our community.



IT TAKES  
A VILLAGE!

Gennesaret Free Clinics (GFC) became the very first nonprofit organization in Indianapolis to bring quality medical care to individuals regardless of insurance status or their ability to pay for medical care.

HEALTHCARE  
FOR ALL!



Fast forward to 2024, GFC annually serves thousands of people who need our help in Marion County and beyond. And that number continues to grow. No matter a patient's health insurance coverage, citizenship, or ability to pay, Gennesaret Free Clinics provides services at no cost. There will never be a bill for patients, no copays, and all medications are completely free.

HEALTHCARE IS A  
HUMAN RIGHT!



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# COMMUNITY NEED

10.7%

of four neighbors in Marion County are uninsured, which is about 103,732 people

1 in 5

Hoosiers in Marion County had overdue medical debt in 2022

15.1%

or nearly 146,353 people in Marion County live below the federal poverty line

65%

of families at or below the federal poverty line have not been to the dentist in the last year

1,701

people in Indy slept in emergency housing or went unsheltered in January 2024

21%

of community members in 46218 (where GFC has targeted primary care) have diabetes, compared to a 12% average in Indiana

53%

of women over 40 cited cost as a reason they have not recently had a mammogram

30%

of adults say they have not filled a prescription medication because of cost, or took a smaller dose than prescribed

38%

of individuals under 30 reported needing to go to a doctor in the last year but chose not to because of cost



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**2,538** UNIQUE PATIENTS

**3,870** PATIENT VISITS

**MEDICAL CLINICS**

**959**  
Unique Patients



**1,579**  
Patient Visits

**DENTAL CLINIC**

**356**  
Unique Patients



**751**  
Patient Visits

**HEALTH RECOVERY HOMES**

**66**  
Unique Patients



**60 DAYS**  
Average Stay

**WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES**

**203**  
Unique Patients



**259**  
Patient Visits

**455** OUTREACH PATIENTS (HIV TESTING)

**2,000+** MEDS FILLED

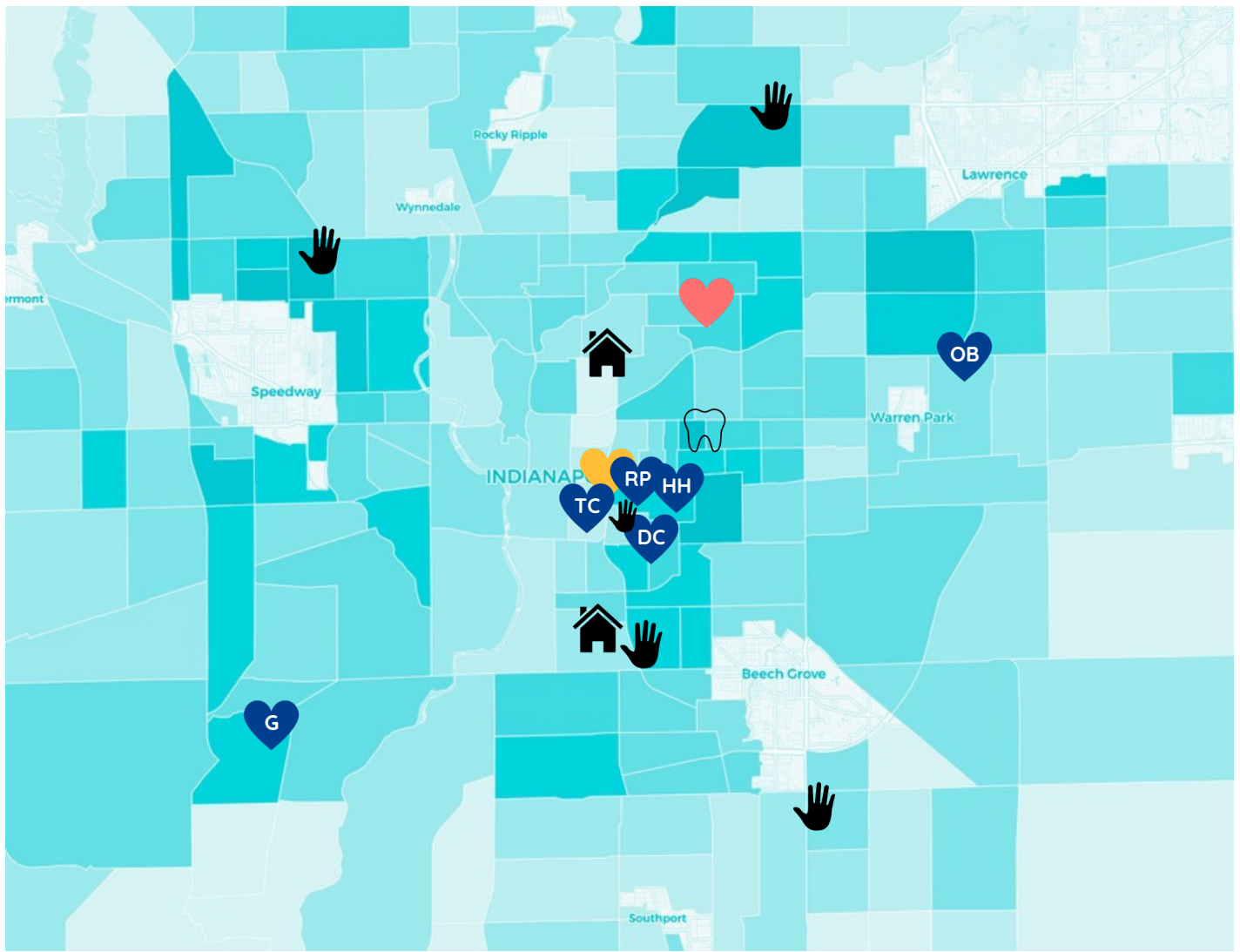
**MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC**

**499** Unique Patients

**826** Patient Visits



# CLINIC LOCATIONS RELATIVE TO GEOGRAPHIC NEED



1%  30%

percent of people uninsured

-  = Mobile Clinic at Damien Center
-  = Mobile Clinic at Gleaners Food Bank (soon to be Clinic Hub #2)
-  = Mobile Clinic at Horizon House
-  = Mobile Clinic at IndyGo Transit Center
-  = Mobile Clinic at Old Bethel & Partners Food Pantry
-  = GFC Mobile Clinic at Roberts Park Methodist Church

-  = Health Recovery Homes
-  = Medical Clinic Hub inside St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
-  = Dental Clinic inside of Arsenal Technical High School
-  = Medical Clinic inside St. Mary's Catholic Church
-  = Outreach Locations (Urban Beauty Supply, Recovery Café Indy, Saraga Castleton, Saraga Westside, Garfield Park)

# AREAS OF FOCUS

## MEDICAL CLINICS

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- Primary and preventative care
- Personalized care for chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension with advanced medication formulary
- Onsite rapid lab testing for routine test, general health screening, and chronic conditions
- Specialized hypertension management program in partnership with Purdue University
- Onsite pharmacy
- STI testing and treatment
- Extensive referral program

## MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

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- Primary and preventative care right on the streets
- Focuses on patients living in shelters, vehicles or homeless encampments
- Street outreach
- Mobile pharmacy
- Personalized treatment for patients living with diabetes and hypertension
- Extensive referral program for specialized services
- Equipped with an onboard restroom, phlebotomy chair, and wheelchair lift

## DENTAL CLINIC

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- Partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools and the Marion County Public Health Department allows for 5 days of full operation
- Preventative care
- Examinations and cleanings
- Restorative work and extractions
- X-Rays
- Denture program, providing full and partial dentures
- Extensive referral program for specialized services

## WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

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- Women's Health appointments offered once a week
- Focus on early detection screening for breast and cervical cancer
- Enhanced focus on women of color, who are disproportionately affected by negative cancer outcomes
- Patient navigation and access to diagnostic treatment services free of charge if abnormal results are found in screening
- Bilingual Women's Health Manager supporting our Latina patients, who are 57% of the population served by this service line

# AREAS OF FOCUS

## HEALTH RECOVERY HOMES

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- Residential homes that foster recovery, dignity, and respect
- Individualized mental health treatment plan within 72 hours of admission with Pathway Counseling and Consulting
- Medical case management with onsite Registered Nurse
- Social work case advocacy and ongoing case management after discharge with onsite Case Manager
- Permanent housing support
- Behavioral, social, and emotional development with Emberwood Center
- With Helping Veterans and Families, we help veterans experiencing homelessness return to self-sufficiency by finding permanent housing and offering support needed along the way



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# CLINIC HOURS

## CLINIC AT ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY

|                                                           |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b> (Women's Health Services)                   | 12 pm - 4 pm               |
| <b>Tuesday</b> (Walk-In Clinic)                           | 9 am - 12 pm               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> (Hypertension Clinic and Women's Health) | 9 am - 12 pm               |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                           | 9 am - 12 pm & 5 pm - 7 pm |
| <b>Friday</b>                                             | 9 am - 12 pm               |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                           | 9 am - 12 pm               |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                             | Closed                     |

## MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday</b> at IndyGo Transit Center | 12 pm - 2 pm      |
| <b>Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday</b> at Gleaners Food Bank    | 9 am - 11 am      |
| <b>Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday</b> at Horizon House         | 8:30 am - 10:30am |
| <b>Every Thursday</b> at Horizon House                    | 8:30 am - 10:30am |
| <b>Every 3rd Saturday</b> at Old Bethel Food Pantry       | 9 am - 12 pm      |

## DENTAL CLINIC

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9 am - 5 pm    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9 am - 5 pm    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9 am - 1:30 pm |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9 am - 5 pm    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Closed         |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Closed         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Closed         |





## REAL IMPACT REAL LIVES *saved*



René has been experiencing homelessness and living in her car since 2021.

**AMIDST THE CHALLENGES OF LIVING IN HER VEHICLE, RENÉ NOTICED A LUMP IN HER BREAST. SHE WAS TERRIFIED THAT IT WAS CANCER. SHE FELT LIKE THE WORLD WAS CRUMBLING BENEATH HER FEET.**

Fortunately, René was directed to Gennesaret's Women's Health Services. But with no income or health insurance, she was scared that she would be turned away.

When René reached out to the Gennesaret team, they reassured her that all services would be provided at no cost and that they would walk alongside her every step of the way. The team arranged for a mammogram for René... and later got to tell her that the lump was non-cancerous and did not necessitate any medical intervention!

**WITH NEWFOUND TRUST AND SAFETY, SHE BEGAN TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL FREE SERVICES.**

René felt comfortable enough to address other health concerns—like the tooth abscess that had been causing her extreme pain and inhibited her ability to eat for weeks.

René scheduled a visit with Dr. Kate Gribbin, Gennesaret's dentist. During her dental exam, Dr. Gribbin extracted the tooth that was beyond saving and causing René pain, providing immediate relief.

**RENÉ SHARED, "GENNESARET FREE CLINICS TREATS EVERYONE WITH KINDNESS. THEY UNDERSTAND IF YOU HAVE NO MONEY OR NO INSURANCE. THEY WANT TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE BECAUSE THEY TRULY CARE."**



# REAL IMPACT REAL LIVES *saved*



After relocating from Illinois to Indiana, Arthur found himself in an unfamiliar space with limited support and had nowhere to turn. A disabled veteran, Arthur was living in his car and desperately trying to manage his health.

**WHILE ARTHUR WAS ABLE TO GET SOME HEALTH SERVICES FROM THE LOCAL VA HOSPITAL, HE HAD NO PLACE TO GO TO HELP HIM WITH HIS ONGOING CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. HE WAS TOO SICK TO STAY IN A SHELTER. HE NEEDED HELP.**

The social worker from the VA assisted Arthur with gaining admission to Gennesaret's Health Recovery Home. Arthur was welcomed by a private room and compassionate staff dedicated to aiding him in managing his medical needs. During his stay, Arthur experienced a level of health stability that he had not enjoyed in quite some time. Following several months of recovery, combined with the support from the staff and his own resolve, Arthur successfully secured an apartment of his very own!

**ARTHUR RECOUNTED HIS EXPERIENCE, "[GENNESARET] HELPED ME REALLY CONCENTRATE ON MY MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. THEY MADE ME FEEL GOOD AGAIN ABOUT MYSELF. . . AS I GOT BETTER, THEY ASSISTED ME WITH FINDING AN APARTMENT AND I HAVE BEEN ON THE RIGHT PATH EVER SINCE."**

Several years later, Arthur is doing well and still lives in his apartment! He keeps in close contact with his Gennesaret family, who couldn't be more proud of him.

# EXAMPLES OF YOUR IMPACT

**\$1,750**

Provide gas for 6 months of service for the Mobile Medical Clinic, offering free care on the streets and in parking lots where it is needed most

**\$2,000**

Provide 800 hygiene kits to patients during street outreach, fostering trust and rapport between GFC and those we serve

**\$3,500**

Provide language translation services to over 300 patients a month

**\$4,000**

Provide nearly 300 patients with point-of-care rapid diagnostic testing so care is immediate and the highest quality available

**\$7,000**

Provide free medications for all GFC patients across all clinic sites for two months

**\$10,000**

Provide specialized external lab testing for patient samples at all clinic locations for an entire year

**\$15,000**

Provide 15-20 patients with a full set of dentures, restoring their confidence and ability to eat

**\$20,000**

Provide 20 women with essential early detection services for breast and cervical cancer

**DONATE** ♥



**THANK YOU!**



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