



A Valuable Community Resource for 22 Years

In 2001 the Lake Area Free Clinic (L AFC) opened its doors for the first time and has been providing medical services to residents of Waukesha County who lack health insurance and the ability to pay for health care ever since. Over the past 22 years, thousands of Waukesha County residents have received medical care, medication and practical information needed to improve and maintain their health. The Clinic also serves as a valuable resource arranging for follow-up medical services and offering health insurance enrollment assistance. L AFC is an independent 501(c)(3) organization *funded by donations and grants*.

Since opening its doors (and hearts) on July 3, 2001, L AFC has:

Served
more than
8,500
medical
patients

Had more than
60,000
medical
patients
visits

Had community
volunteers contribute
an estimated
130,000
hours of service
benefiting their neighbors

Secured more than
\$4.3 million
in free medications for
patients through
pharmaceutical patient
assistance programs

A MEDICAL HOME FOR THOSE IN NEED

We are the medical home for our patients, providing labs, imaging, medication, transportation services, a referral network of specialists and insurance enrollment assistance, all at no cost

The need remains: It is estimated there are 16,000 Waukesha County adults who are medically uninsured. In 2022:

- The medical clinic had 187 new patients.
- 72% of all L AFC patients were at the Federal Poverty Level (\$14,580 for a single person) or below.

Medical services offered: Primary Care (acute and chronic) and the following specialties: Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Gynecology, Mental Health Counseling, Nephrology, Neurology, Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Rheumatology, Physical Therapy, Sleep Medicine and Diabetes Clinic

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday evenings by appointment only.

Referrals: Patients are referred from inpatient units, emergency departments, urgent care clinics, social, civic and religious organizations and word of mouth

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED

We serve residents of Waukesha County and the Oconomowoc School District who are uninsured with a household income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level

Staffing: Five full-time equivalent employees and more than 210 volunteers

Donated diagnostic services: ProHealth Care provides lab and x-ray services and Advocate Aurora Health provides CT and MRI imaging services

Clinical rotations for students: Affiliations with Waukesha County Technical College, and other colleges and universities for nursing, health information and medical interpreter students

Community partnerships: We utilize resources already in place to avoid duplication of services. Partners include Waukesha County Public Health for immunizations; Wisconsin Well Women Program for health screening services; Waukesha County Mental Health for mental health services; and others.



Meeting a Major Need

The Lake Area Free Clinic's core purpose is to meet the widest range of health care needs of the economically challenged that it is able to support.

After identifying a glaring lack of access to preventive and basic dental services for low-income Waukesha County adults who were on BadgerCare/Medicaid or uninsured, LAFC opened its dental clinic in late 2017. Since that time, the Clinic has delivered compassionate, high quality dental care and support in a highly efficient environment with a dedicated staff of dental professionals.

Since late 2017, LAFC has:

Served
more than
5,300
dental
patients

Had
more than
25,000
dental
patients
visits

Provided
dental services
valued at more than
\$10.7 million

A DENTAL HOME FOR THOSE IN NEED

Dental services offered:

Exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions, non-surgical periodontal therapy, crowns, some dentures, partial dentures and some root canals. Transportation and insurance enrollment assistance are also available. Uninsured patients are responsible for co-pays based on income. However, no one is turned away based on an inability to pay. In 2022, LAFC Dental had:

- 1,572 unique patients
- 5,117 patient visits
- 761 new patients

Hours: By appointment only
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday: Hours vary

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED

Patient eligibility: We serve residents of Waukesha County and the Oconomowoc Area School District who have Medicaid or are uninsured with a household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Staffing: Primarily paid staff augmented with volunteers. Volunteer opportunities exist for dentists, hygienists and dental assistants. Go to www.lakeareafreeclinic.org to see all volunteer opportunities.

Clinical opportunities for students: Waukesha County Technical College dental hygiene and dental assistant students and Marquette University dental students

LAFC Mission Statement: Our mission is to improve the overall health of those in need.