

JACKSON FREE CLINIC

Monthly Newsletter

October 2021



CARE

During September, we had 134 medical and dental patient visits at our clinic. We had 113 student volunteers representing medicine, pharmacy, nursing, dental, OT/PT, and undergraduate institutions with over 620 individual volunteer hours.

EDUCATION

This month our Ole Miss Ambassadors completed their Community Health Advocacy training, and we added a new Health Ambassadors chapter at the University of Southern Mississippi.

OUTREACH

This month we began our Social Health Clinic and Be the Match Drive. Also, our Community Health Outreach team had 15 volunteers who performed preventative health screenings for 40 patients at Shower Power and the Opportunity Center in Jackson, MS.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Adam Davis-School of Medicine Volunteer

I was eager & nervous when I began volunteering, yet I had no idea just how impactful this hands-on experience would be to the communities I help and even myself. Every time I vaccinate or lead a COVID-19 vaccine event, I take comfort in knowing that I'm not only helping to physically protect some of Mississippi's most vulnerable populations, but I'm also bringing peace of mind to them. I remember one woman in particular being extremely afraid of needles and asking for me specifically because nobody at the event reported pain when I vaccinated them. Afterward, she told me she didn't feel a thing and was extremely grateful for me as well as what we symbolize to her community...it's moments like that where I can calm someone's fears that mean the world to me.





NEW SOCIAL HEALTH CLINIC

At the Jackson Free Clinic, we recognize that many societal factors contribute to the health of our patients outside of the walls of the clinic. This is why Sunna Savani and Jaci Sullivan founded the JFC Social Health Clinic that operates most Saturdays.

Our patients have the opportunity to be screened for a number of social health factors they need resources for including: government programs, general health, HIV/sexual health, medications, food, employment, housing/houselessness, financial strain resources, transportation, substance dependence, and safety/intimate partner violence.

Come see us to get connected to different resources in the community, and take a step in improving your social health and well-being!

COVID VACCINE CLINICS & HISPANIC OUTREACH

The Jackson Free Clinic began their COVID-19 vaccination efforts in April of 2020 at two Saturday clinic events to vaccinate our patient population in Jackson. The Hispanic Outreach team began traveling statewide as a mobile vaccine clinic in May to help those who are most vulnerable. We partnered with MIRA, IAJE, El Pueblo, and IAMH to outreach into the Mississippi cities of Carthage, Forest, Hazlehurst, Canton, Morton, and Laurel. Between our vaccination efforts in Jackson as well as statewide through our Hispanic Outreach program, our team has vaccinated 1,552 individuals. This was done with the help of 170 student volunteers from the School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, and School of Nursing as well as student and physician translators. We could not have done this without the supervision of our 10 physician volunteers from the departments of Family Medicine, Pediatrics, and Internal Medicine and our 5 professor volunteers from the School of Population Health, School of Pharmacy, and School of Nursing. We look forward to expanding our partnerships and providing COVID-19 vaccinations for our neighbors in Mississippi.

“*The reason I got my COVID-19 vaccine was to protect my family and to give them a smaller chance to get COVID-19.*

*-Laurel, MS
Hispanic Outreach Vaccine Event*



NEW PATIENT NAVIGATORS

Our new interdisciplinary group of 36 Patient Navigators were selected this week! Patient Navigators play an integral role in the clinic flow and patient experience from check-in to vitals to social health screenings.

Our new group includes students from the UMMC School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Population Health, and Graduate School. We are so excited for this new group of Patient Navigators to positively impact the JFC and our patients!

