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Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County’s John XXIII Multicultural Health Clinic Serves Neighbors in Need

Integrated primary care for people of diverse backgrounds helps the “whole person”

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County’s **John XXIII Health Clinic** is an urban health practice serving the needs of vulnerable people of all backgrounds, including those who are homeless, immigrants, veterans, and ex-offenders. Serving low income people ages 18 and older in 10 different languages, the Clinic provides primary healthcare, mental health therapy, substance abuse, and wellness services.

Located in downtown San Jose at the John XXIII Wellness Center, the Clinic opened in 2014. The Clinic provides wraparound insurance enrollment, employment, nutrition, food access, and other social services in collaboration with the Center and other agency providers. We offer care for the *whole person*, engaging clients in defining their health and wellness goals.

“We opened the clinic because we wanted to help diverse people who were falling through the cracks of our medical system,” said Jackie Copeland-Carson, Chief Operations Officer, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. “Our new partnership with CEP America and ongoing partnership with Kaiser Permanente, the University of San Francisco, and San Jose State University helps us expand our primary care services and meet the increasing needs of our community.”

Based on a Patient-Centered Health Home model, patients are served by a multidisciplinary healthcare team specializing in cross-cultural health. The Clinic acts as a portal to coordinated financial health, employment, community integration, and other services provided by case

management and economic development specialists to help clients live a full, healthy life.

“I am so happy that I can see my therapist and my medical doctor in one visit so close to home,” said Oliver M, a client. “I am thankful that the John XXIII Health Clinic provides so many conveniences and is located at the Wellness Center.”

Our small and amazing team at the Clinic serves up to 500 people each year with a goal to serve 1,200 by 2018. We could not have made a difference for our friends and neighbors in need without the help of excellent new staff members, our new partnerships, and MediCal HMO insurance contracts. We also thank our many volunteers, certified enrollment counselors, and Dr. Maria Allo, Wellness Education Director, for their care and compassion for clients.

The Clinic needs continuing community support to provide its exemplary services.

For more information about our clinic and the many ways you can give to this important cause, please visit <http://catholiccharitiesscc.org/john-xxiii-multicultural-health-clinic> or contact Jenna Santiago, Community Health Outreach Counselor, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County at jsantiago@catholiccharitiesscc.org or (408) 899-7160.

About Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County has worked to strengthen families and build economic self-reliance for the poor and vulnerable in the county for 60 years. Each year, more than 500 employees and 1,000 volunteers serve more than 54,000 individuals of all cultures and beliefs through 42 programs in more than 80 sites. Program areas include behavioral health, youth and family services, economic development, employment, financial education, housing, immigration legal services, in-home and long-term care, older adult services, refugee resettlement, refugee foster care, and more. Catholic Charities is working to reduce poverty with social change goals that target the alleviation, prevention, and reduction of poverty in our communities.

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