

## Community Partnerships Help Mission of Mercy Help Others

The following organizations provide operational support and/or in-kind medical services to Mission of Mercy's patients:

### Donated Facilities for our Clinic Sites

- Christ the King Community Center (Mesa)
- Maryvale Church of the Nazarene (Maryvale)
- Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (Phoenix)
- St. Catherine of Siena (South Phoenix)

### Medical Van and Supply Storage

- The Franciscan Renewal Center
- Mt. Claret Retreat Center

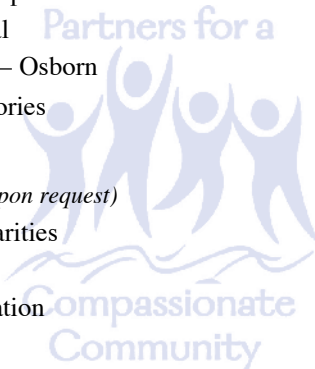
### Pro Bono Laboratory & Ancillary Medical Services

- St. Joseph Hospital & Medical Center
- Chandler Regional Hospital
- Mercy Gilbert Hospital
- Scottsdale Healthcare – Osborn
- Sonora Quest Laboratories

### Community Partners

(a complete list is available upon request)

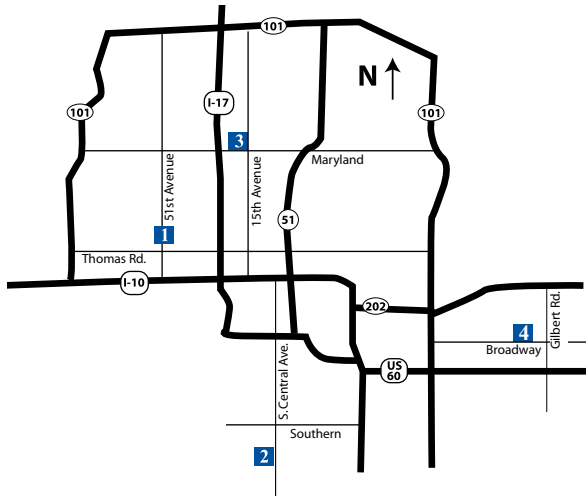
- Arizona Cardinals Charities
- Believe Foundation
- BHHS Legacy Foundation
- Board of Visitors
- Catholic Healthcare West
- The C.W. and Modene Neely Charitable Foundation
- Gesner Johnson Foundation
- Help From Above Foundation
- Medtronic Foundation
- Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
- Phoenix Suns Charities
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure
- Thunderbirds Charities
- The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust



## Where You'll Find Our Clinic

We serve patients at four sites in the Phoenix-metro area. Clinic hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Clinic days may vary. Please call 602.486.7798 to confirm.*

- 1** Maryvale Church of the Nazarene, 3201 North 51st Ave., Phoenix  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
- 2** St. Catherine of Siena, 6600 South Central Ave., Phoenix, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month
- 3** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 1500 West Maryland Ave., Phoenix, Wednesdays
- 4** Christ the King Community Center, 1616 East Broadway, Mesa, Thursdays

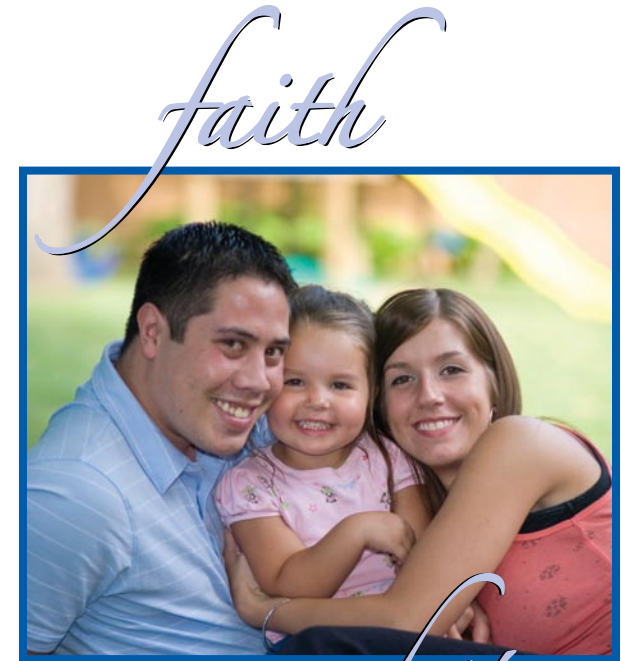


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To make an appointment at a Mission of Mercy clinic, please call **602.486.7798** during the following hours:  
**Tues: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. – Thurs: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



## Mission of Mercy Mobile Medical Clinic



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## Mission of Mercy – A Story of Hope

Mission of Mercy is a nonprofit, nonsectarian free medical program with a mission “to restore dignity to all people by being an instrument of ‘healing through Love’ and by the reciprocal sharing of God’s mercy with those we serve.” The Mission of Mercy Mobile Medical Clinic began operation in 1994 to serve the uninsured working poor of rural Maryland and Pennsylvania. As a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, Mission of Mercy has been operating in Arizona since 1997.

Through its four mobile clinic sites, Mission of Mercy provides an average of 9,000 no-cost patient visits



and over 10,000 free prescription medications each year to Maricopa County's uninsured, under-insured and homeless population. Our volunteer medical staff provides “Care

Without Barriers” to all those who are truly in need of a helping hand and the gift of restored health and hope.

## For Most, Being Sick Is An Inconvenience; For Our Patients It's a Catastrophe!

Mission of Mercy helps people get back to their families, their jobs and their lives. Through our mobile medical clinic, we are able to treat not only acute care issues, but also chronic conditions, such as diabetes, asthma and high blood pressure. We emphasize preventive care in order to help patients avoid dangerous complications and costly emergency care.

While the community and country search for ways to cope with the national health care crisis, Mission of Mercy is in the trenches, caring for a highly vulnerable population that has nowhere else to turn. In the short-term, we make a positive impact upon the individual by providing access to primary health care.

In the long-term, we treat the ravages of chronic illness, thus reducing the strain on an already over-burdened health care system and allowing our patients to become productive members of our community.

## A Grateful Patient's Story

The majority of our patients are employed; in fact, many hold multiple jobs just to make ends meet. Some employers offer health insurance with employee premiums, but for our patients, the insurance costs are not affordable. A poignant example of this can be found in Francisco's story. Francisco is a construction worker,



and father of four, who often takes on a second job when work is available. Before he came to Mission of Mercy, his blood sugar was dangerously high and he knew he was taking serious chances with his life by leaving his diabetes untreated. But as Francisco said, “What else could I do?” Francisco comes to the Maryvale clinic once a month for free treatment and prescriptions

for his diabetes. His diabetes is now under control and risks of serious, debilitating complications have been reduced. For this patient, like so many others under our care, our services have given him a new shot at life.

## Our Community's Need for Affordable Health Care is Great... and Growing

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Arizona has the **4th highest uninsured population** in the country.
- **One-in-5 Arizona families** have no health coverage.
- There are more than **1.6 million Arizonans** without a health safety net of any kind.
- Currently, **only 60%** of small and medium-sized businesses offer employee health plans.
- In 2008, the number of patients we served **increased by 15%**.

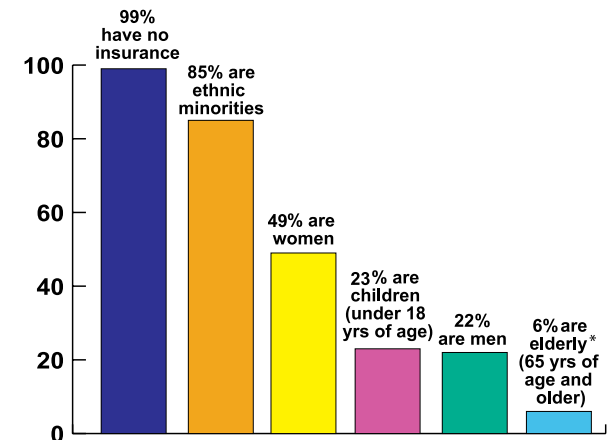
## We Maximize Volunteer Participation

Our medical staff currently includes a part-time medical director and a part-time nursing director. The day-to-day work of our clinics depends on 230 volunteers and a cadre of loyal community partners who donate over \$500,000 in pro bono services each year.

Since 1997, Mission of Mercy has provided over **100,000 no-cost medical visits and dispensed over 150,000 no-cost prescription medications** to Maricopa County families. Over 70% of our patients are women and children who, without our mobile clinic, would have sought treatment at local hospital emergency rooms or would have simply gone without critically needed medical care.

## Who We Serve

Because we are 100% privately funded and do not accept government funding, Mission of Mercy can serve patients who would otherwise be too fearful or embarrassed to seek help elsewhere.



### Current Patient Profile

- Nearly half of our patients suffer from a variety of chronic health conditions, specifically diabetes, which impacts 37% of our patients.
- Sixty-nine percent (69%) of our patients are returning patients who consider Mission of Mercy their family doctor.
- Ninety-seven percent (97%) of patients surveyed indicated they would have sought emergency room care if Mission of Mercy was not available.

\*While the elderly constitute only 6% of our patients, they comprise 7.5% of returning patients due to the nature of their chronic illnesses.