

Our Lady of Hope Clinic nears six months of caring for uninsured

As the nation discusses how to best deliver health care to the 46 million Americans who go without health insurance each year, Our Lady of Hope Clinic continues to serve Southern Wisconsin as the area's only free full-time clinic for those in need.

Uninsured individuals can register for primary care appointments in person at 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our Lady of Hope Clinic is located in the Clock Tower Building at 6425 Odana Road. Office visits for the uninsured are scheduled on a walk-in basis only.

Clinic President Dr. Michael Kloess said the need for free primary care is greater than ever, particularly after the state suspended its BadgerCare Plus Core program last month.



Our Lady of Hope Clinic Physicians Anne Volk Johnson and Michael Kloess

"We don't have a health care crisis so much as we have an access crisis," Kloess said. "More than one in nine Wisconsinites go without insurance each year. These people struggle to control serious, but manageable, conditions like diabetes or hypertension."

With a focus on preventative care, Our Lady of Hope Clinic offers 30 minute office visits to ensure patients have enough face time with a doctor to stay on top of complex health problems. The long appointments also make it possible

for doctors to give personalized advice, answer questions, and develop an understanding of a patient's health. Patients can also expect a continuity of care as any follow-up visits can be made with the same physician.

The only qualifications are that patients must be uninsured and ineligible for government medical assistance programs like BadgerCare. They are asked to bring the letter of declination they receive after applying.

Our Lady of Hope Clinic is funded by private contributions. For more information on care for the uninsured or supporting the clinic financially, visit ourladyofhopeclinic.org or call Steve Karlen at 608-445-2063.

A Proud Moment

Our Lady of Hope Clinic President Dr. Michael Kloess recently represented Our Lady of Hope Clinic at the National Symposium on Authentic Catholic Procreative Health Care in Springfield, Illinois. He and Dr. Anne Volk Johnson, offer truly unique medical services in the Madison area: consultations for cutting edge natural methods of family planning and effective treatments for gynecological concerns.

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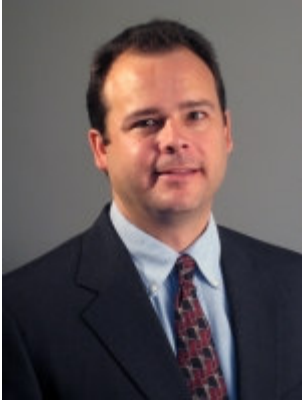
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A Message from Our Lady of Hope Clinic President Dr. Michael Kloess



As we flip the calendar page from November to December, Our Lady of Hope Clinic celebrates its six month anniversary as Southern Wisconsin's only full-time, free clinic for the uninsured.

I am continuously amazed at the multitude of backgrounds and life experiences of those who seek our care. On our first day back in June, I wrote sorely needed prescriptions for a senior citizen couple suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure. As we finished their appointments, the woman asked how much she owed for the visit. She choked back tears when my answer was "nothing." Like many of the uninsured we see here, I have been able to maintain a meaningful relationship with this couple as they've returned for follow-up visits.

Just weeks later, I had an unforgettable appointment with a woman who was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor half a decade ago. Somewhere along the line, she lost her health insurance and had lived with this tumor for five years without access to a doctor. That is, until Our Lady of Hope Clinic opened. As her new primary care provider, I not only examined her, but also referred her to a specialist who is now donating his services to manage the tumor.

It's a perfect example of how Our Lady of Hope Clinic provides so much more than routine office visits. We also serve as a gateway to connect those in need with a vast multitude of resources, ranging from medical specialists to smoking cessation programs to social services. And this work is all done thanks to our donors and benefactors—without whose generosity, Southern Wisconsin's uninsured would continue to lack access to basic health care.

However, as winter sets in, we will see a dramatic increase in the number of people in need of a doctor. **That's why I ask you today for a one-time or monthly commitment to support our important work.** Your gift will ensure we have the resources to see more uninsured recipients. With your help, we can increase the number of free appointments to more than 3,000 every year and make a dramatic difference in this community.

Please complete and return the pledge form below to make a high-yield investment in the Greater Madison Area. I encourage you to contact Our Lady of Hope Clinic Development Director Steve Karlen at sjkarlen@ourladyofhopeclinic.com or 608-445-2063 with questions, comments, or to schedule a clinic tour.

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Pledge of Support

YES, I would like to help support Our Lady of Hope Clinic's free care for the uninsured with a gift of:

- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- \$1,200* (Qualifies you to enroll yourself, a loved one, or a stranger as a benefactor for one year.)
- \$2,300* (Enroll yourself and spouse or another couple)
- \$3,800* (Enroll a family of five or more as benefactors for one year.)

- \$10/month
- \$25/month
- \$50/month
- \$75/month
- \$100/month
- \$125/month

*Benefactors receive their primary care from Our Lady of Hope Clinic. These are the base rates for individuals between 35 and 60. Some age adjustments apply. Call 608-445-2063 for more information.

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