

# FOCUS



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## New Immunization Clinic Strengthens CHRISTUS Healthy Neighborhood Initiative



**O**pen! Open! Open! **CHRISTUS Immunization Clinic** at CHRISTUS St. Mary's Clinic is now offering easy access to immunizations for individuals and families in Houston's East End thanks to generous supporters.

Immunizations are essential for children's enrollment in school as are influenza vaccinations for working adults keeping us healthy, especially the elderly, who are most at-risk for complications from flu. Under the direction of Sister Rosanne Popp, M.D., this added service will strengthen the clinic's existing core activities. Fees are affordable, based on a sliding scale, a family will never pay more than \$15.00 per child.

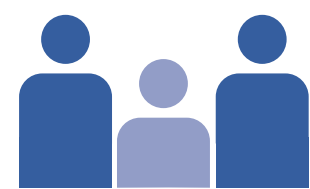
We anticipate providing immunizations for 2,700 individuals this year and ask for your ongoing support. Your generosity will make a positive difference in the lives of thousands – providing vaccines such as influenza, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), herpes zoster (shingles) and more.



Provide immunizations for a child

Please make a donation at [CHRISTUSFoundation.org](http://CHRISTUSFoundation.org)

*For every dollar spent on measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, \$21 in direct medical costs is saved.*



10,424

patients relied on CHRISTUS St. Mary's Clinic for care

What is the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative?

A full spectrum of healthcare for a neighborhood in need.



**CHRISTUS School-based Clinics** are located in numerous schools, most near CHRISTUS St. Mary's Clinic. Students with conditions such as diabetes or asthma may be referred to St. Mary's.

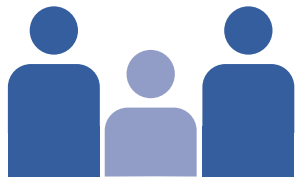


**CHRISTUS St. Mary's Clinic** serves as a primary care center for a neighborhood in need. Many of its patients are referred by the CHRISTUS Healthy Living Mobile Clinics and School-based Clinics.



**CHRISTUS Healthy Living Mobile Clinics** help patients, often the elderly, monitor chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. On an annual basis, they serve more than 20,000 people in need.

**The Mobile Clinics** make repeat visits to underserved neighborhoods every few months. To increase this caregiving capacity, a second Mobile Clinic was added. Both vehicles can deliver regular follow-up care to CHRISTUS St. Mary's patients.



**4,999**  
patients relied on CHRISTUS  
Point of Light Clinic for  
their medical care

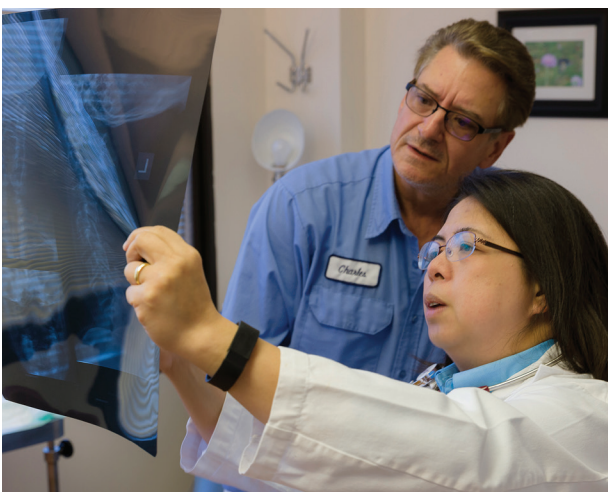


**12,316**  
students have access to  
healthcare at 17 CHRISTUS  
School-based Clinics



**4,265**  
women received Well Woman care  
at CHRISTUS St. Mary's Clinic, Point  
of Light Clinic and Mobile Clinics

## Last year, CHRISTUS Foundation extended care to nearly 60,000 of our neighbors.



**CHRISTUS POINT OF LIGHT CLINIC**

### everyone is welcome

CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic opened in 1989 in response to a growing need for healthcare in low-income areas between Houston and Galveston. Twenty-five years later, the Clinic continues to provide quality, affordable healthcare to thousands of men, women and children annually.

#### Grateful for care

"The first time I saw Dr. Dimalibot, she took the time to speak with me. Most of all, she listened. That is something a lot of doctors don't do. She got to know me and was able to help me with my tremors. Everything Dr. Dimalibot does comes from the heart. I believe she works solely out of love for her patients. The community is blessed to have Point of Light Clinic, where patients are shown compassion, understanding and respect."



**CHRISTUS SCHOOL-BASED CLINICS**

### keeping children healthy

A CHRISTUS School-based Clinic Family Nurse Practitioner reports on a student whose medical condition signaled a problem at home. Receiving care for both the body and mind, this student and her family are now healthier and happier.

#### A successful diagnosis

"A student visited complaining of headaches and dizziness. While evaluating and discussing possible causes, she began to talk about problems at home. I knew she needed to speak to a counselor. Thankfully, this School-based Clinic was collaborating with Catholic Charities to provide counseling services for students and their families. A counseling appointment was made and the student and her family have been visiting regularly. Things at home have improved."



**CHRISTUS HEALTHY LIVING MOBILE CLINICS**

### vehicles for care

These traveling clinics-on-wheels visit more than 300 locations in areas all across greater Houston delivering high-quality healthcare to all ages, all races, and without regard to a patient's ability to pay.

#### Health screenings save lives

"I would like to thank the staff of CHRISTUS mobile clinic for helping me feel better. I hadn't felt good for awhile. I didn't have insurance and couldn't afford to see a Doctor, I just waited, hoping I would feel better.

Days went by and I still wasn't feeling any better so I visited the Mobile Clinic to get my blood pressure checked. Not only was my blood pressure high, my cholesterol levels were too.

The mobile clinic referred me to CHRISTUS St. Mary's Clinic and now I am being cared for by Dr. Rosanne. I am taking medicine and have my blood pressure and cholesterol under control. I feel so much better! Your care has been such a blessing to me."

May God bless you all,  
Sally

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Spring Luncheon Co-chairs pictured (left to right) are Regina Rogers, Anna Marie and Harold Hidalgo, Sr., Cathy and Giorgio Borlenghi, Jes Hagale, with honoree Archbishop Fiorenza, Nancy and Tom Macrini, Charlene and John O'Shea, and Kari and Sean Tracey. Co-chairs also included Lorraine and Ted Dinerstein, John Hagale, Roz Hill, Sister Kevina Keating, CCVI, Reinnette and Stan Marek, Trini Mendenhall, Carol and Odys Peavy and Mrs. Raye G. White.

## Spring Luncheon proves to be a BIG BANG

Three great men stole the show as CHRISTUS Foundation honored Most Reverend, Archbishop Emeritus, Joseph A. Fiorenza, D.D., iconic funny man Bob Newhart regaled the grand gathering, and The Reverend, Bill Lawson delivered a poignant invocation.

We extend sincere appreciation to Spring Luncheon co-chairs and underwriters who provide leadership and financial support that provides care for thousands of women, children and men who rely on CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare for their medical needs.



**\$365,000 raised**  
and **700 attendees** shattered  
previous records for The Foundation



Kathy Rose and Judy Giroto, Charity Guild members with Sister Rosanne Popp, M.D. Via telehealth, Sister Rosanne accepted Charity Guild's donation that will provide healthcare service to students at schools with a CHRISTUS School-based Clinic.

## growinggifts

Give the Gift of Better Health

**\$15,000**

Connects a Child to Medical Care by Bringing Telehealth to School

**\$5,000**

Adopts a CHRISTUS School-based Clinic and Provides On-Campus Care for an Entire School

**\$1,500**

Restores a Smile by Funding a Surgery That Repairs a Child's Cleft Lip or Palate

**\$500**

Feeds a Soul by Providing 6 Months of Nutritious Meals to a Person Who is Homeless

**\$250**

Helps the Most Vulnerable by Immunizing the Elderly Against the Flu and Shingles

**\$100**

Stops Cancer by Providing Well Woman Exams for Low-Income Women

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP

CHRISTUS Foundation welcomes new board members Sister Mary Patricia Driscoll, CCVI and Sister Kevina Keating, CCVI and we extend our sincere gratitude to Sister Rachel O'Keefe, CCVI and Sister Yvonne Pratka, CCVI for their many years of leadership.



Sister Kevina Keating



Sister Mary Patricia Driscoll

# Donor Spotlight

CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare is incredibly grateful and truly blessed to join forces with generous companies who represent the best of our community. Companies joining the CHRISTUS Corporate Partners program have been instrumental in generating donations, lending their hands to building gardens at the School-based Clinics, feeding the homeless at Our Daily Bread, hosting golf tournaments, stuffing wellness bags for the Mobile Clinic, initiating clothing and food drives during the holidays, and teaching nutrition classes.

*Gilbane Representatives, Dan Gilbane and Lisa Martin pictured with Laura Clay, Director of CHRISTUS Healthy Living Mobile Clinics and Les Cave, CHRISTUS Foundation President.*



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