



# All Things Ignatian



## The Magis Clinic

*Free clinics and special events provided by Creighton medical student and physician volunteers*

### Clinic History

The Magis Clinic began in 2004 when a group of Creighton medical students found there were few outpatient healthcare options available to the homeless and uninsured. The Magis Clinic was founded as a free medical clinic to serve the disadvantaged men, women and children of the Omaha metropolitan area. The clinic is managed and staffed by Creighton medical students and overseen by a volunteer physician. In addition to providing valued medical care to our patients, Magis also provide a distinct and educational clinic experience for Creighton medical student volunteers.

Since our doors opened in September 2004, more than 500 medical students and 90 physician volunteers have provided care to over 2500 patients. We have grown to include biweekly psychiatric and sexual health clinics, in addition to our weekly acute care clinic. The Magis Clinic also hosts special events and diabetes education classes to supplement medical care and education in the underserved populations of Omaha.

### Mission Statement

We, the students of Creighton University School of Medicine, strive to be men and women for and with others, and dedicated to learning the art of medicine, in partnership with those in our community who are concerned about their health but find themselves homeless and with limited or no access to healthcare, hereby establish the Magis Clinic, a no-charge, drop-in, acute-care clinic operating on Saturdays at the Siena/Francis House.

The Magis Clinic strives to uphold the Jesuit value of *magis* by:

- Providing high quality care to men and women of all ages and backgrounds
- Cooperating with other healthcare providers to maintain continuity of care
- Instilling in each patient a sense of value for one's own health
- Fostering in Creighton students a lifelong commitment to service



### Our Clinics

**Acute Care:** The Acute Care Clinic runs from 2pm-6pm every Saturday at the Siena Francis Bright Shelter and serves 15-20 patients each week. This clinic focuses on providing diagnosis and treatment of acute conditions. As Magis has expanded, we have utilized various referral privileges through Creighton Medical Center and other local programs. We have united with the Creighton Dental School, orthopedic surgeons and cardiologists to provide referral services at little or no cost. The Acute Clinic also works closely with the Charles Drew Health Center to manage chronic conditions and provide continuity of care for our patients.

**Psychiatric:** The Psychiatric Clinic was established in 2007 after Magis officers and volunteers noticed an incredible need for care of psychiatric conditions within the Magis patient population. This clinic runs every other Saturday and is generously overseen by Creighton psychiatrists Dr. Marcil and Dr. Bhatia, as well as faculty from the Pharmacy School. This clinic focuses on providing continuity of psychiatric care and medications while patients are waiting to access more permanent solutions within the community.

**Sexual Health:** The Sexual Health Clinic offers testing and treatment for many sexually transmitted diseases, as well as pregnancy testing, patient education and counseling. The sexual health clinic also partners with Nebraska AIDS Project to provide free HIV testing at every clinic.

### Special Events

**Pediatric Vaccination Clinic:** Every summer, the Magis clinic partners with community family practice clinics all over Omaha. This event provides free school physical exams, immunizations, and school supplies to over 130 children, enabling them to begin school prepared and on time.

**Our Hearts to Your Soles Shoe Clinic:** Every December, Magis teams up with Dr. Timothy Fitzgibbons and Our Hearts to Your Soles to provide foot exams, podiatric care, and custom fit shoes to over 120 diabetic patients in order to help slow the progression of peripheral vascular disease and neuropathy.

**Diabetic Education Classes:** The first Saturday of every month, the Magis Clinic provides educational classes for diabetic patients. The clinic provides blood glucose testing supplies, medical support, and healthy lifestyle education to patients who suffer from diabetes.

**Flu Vaccination Clinic:** The Magis Clinic hosts an annual Flu Vaccination Clinic in October, to help decrease the morbidity and mortality associated with influenza infection among the homeless population. In addition, free flu vaccinations are offered to every clinic patient throughout the flu season.

