















# charlottesville FREE CLINIC

# Annual Report 2019







# The Charlottesville Free Clinic is an open door to healthcare.

With your help, the Free Clinic is working to improve the health of hundreds of people in the Charlottesville area. In better health, our patients are better able to seek and keep jobs, support their families, give back to their community and live better, happier lives.

In this annual report, we share stories of four of the wonderfully creative people who make Charlottesville such an engaging place to live. We feature past and present Free Clinic patients: Brian, a talented artist and illustrator who is working on paintings for his first graphic novel; Thomas, a versatile bluegrass musician and tow-truck driver who carves wood for fun; and Rachel, who as the owner of Cakes by Rachel, bakes and decorates cakes for special occasions. Also, Aristea, local restaurant owner and talented cook, who now gives back by donating dinners for volunteer doctors. We recognize the service of retiring board member Todd Cabell, and the significant contributions of interns from UVa who provide countless hours of front office and pharmacy support.

It was our privilege to provide healthcare to these community members when they needed us.

Taking care of the people who take care of Charlottesville.







*Restaurateur gives back through meals for volunteers* 

Aristea grew up in the restaurant business. "Your customers become your friends," says the owner of the Cavalier Diner.

But like many entrepreneurs, Aristea and her husband, Salvatore, found affordable health care to be a challenge. For years, Salvatore depended on the Charlottesville Free Clinic for his medical care and medications.

The couple now regularly donates dinners to the doctors and nurses who volunteer at the Free Clinic. "It's a way for us to say thanks," she says. •



## Artist lives a fulfilling, creative life

Brian is painting in acrylics to develop the storyboard for his first graphic novel. He also is working with the homeless through PACEM.

Finding affordable health care has been a challenge.

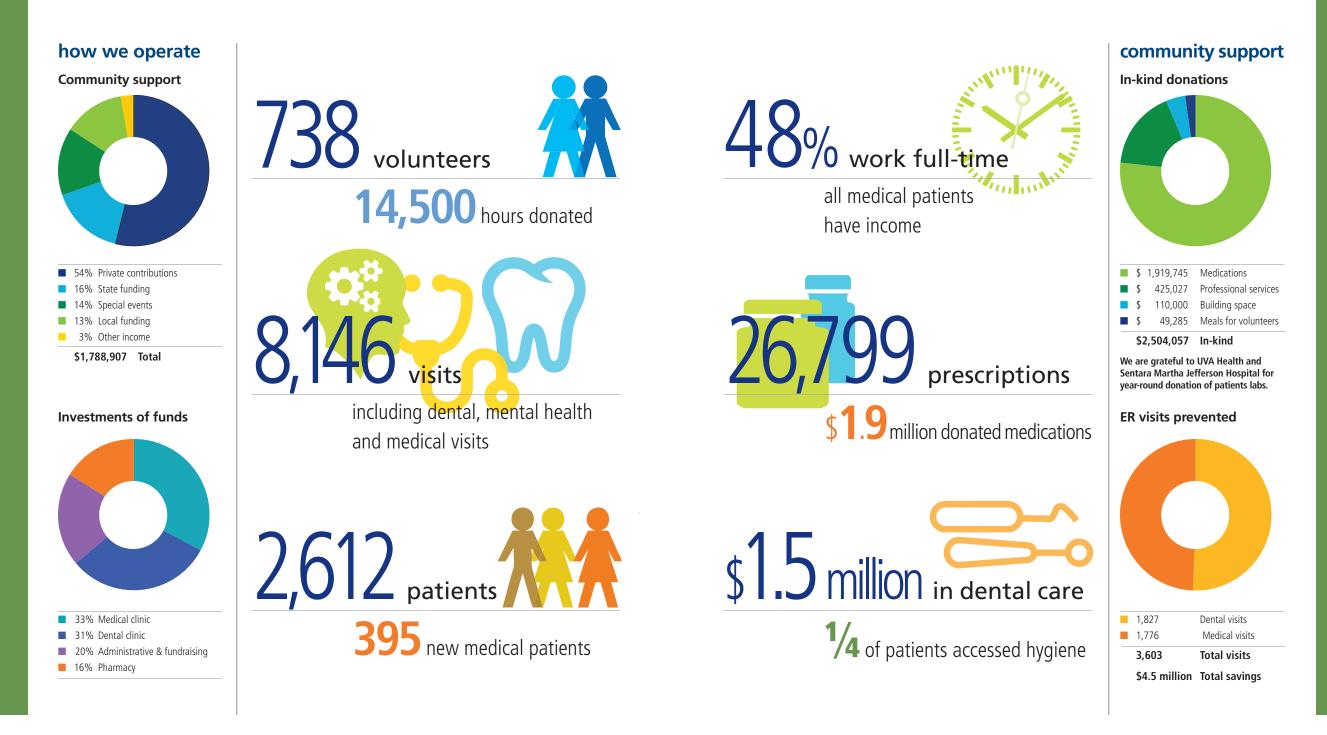
Brian takes advantage of the Free Clinic's holistic approach to health, tapping its medical and counseling services as well as its Fresh Farmacy program.

He credits Murray High School, the Charlottesville Free Clinic and PACEM for bringing him to his current place in life. "I have a support system in place," he says.





## Who, what, and how...







*Tow truck driver loves woodcarving and music* 

Thomas has worked since he was 17 and now drives a tow truck for his brother's company. "I love helping people," he says.

Thomas adores Dr. Williams, his physician at the Free Clinic. "She explains stuff to you," he says. "She doesn't talk down to you. She's the best doctor I've ever had."

In his spare time, Thomas does woodworking with a musical flair—he has made boxes with carved miniatures of bluegrass instruments for his siblings and a model piano for Dr. Williams. •





Our pharmacy operates thanks to partnerships with Kroger Pharmacy, Virginia Healthcare Foundation, the United Way and Wegmans Pharmacy. Medications worth \$1.9 million were donated to the Free Clinic last year.

## Board & Staff

The Charlottesville Free Clinic is an open door to health care for our neighbors in need.

**Our Staff** 

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#### **CFC Mission**

- To provide a volunteer community health support system that offers high-quality health care to the working underserved population, which would otherwise have no access to care.
- To provide practical experience for current and future health care professionals.
- To hasten, through education and advocacy, the creation of a comprehensive policy for access to health care.

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### Board member Todd Cabell

Todd Cabell, chief eCommerce officer at Crutchfield Corp., joined the Charlottesville Free Clinic as a volunteer doing patient exit interviews. "I got to see first-hand the effect of the care the Free Clinic offers," he says.

Todd attended the Board Academy at the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and worked to ensure that many of the best practices taught by the CNE were in place at the Free Clinic.

Todd is stepping down after 13 years of service, but we are pleased that he plans to continue to serve on our long-range planning committee.

## **TAKING CARE** of the people who take care of Charlottesville.





## Volunteers keep it running

Daytime interns keep the Free Clinic moving smoothly. Through a partnership with UVA's Internship Placement Program, ten undergraduate interns worked at the Free Clinic last year, learning the mechanics of a community medical clinic. These ambitious undergraduates helped check patients in, prepared charts, assisted with medication hand-out and performed administrative tasks crucial to any organization.

Volunteers gave nearly 14,500 hours last year—a remarkable contribution. Many interns are working towards medical school, and receiving their first medical training behind the desk at the Free Clinic. •





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