



Live Oak Clinic of Brazosport

Providing Non-urgent, Primary Healthcare for the Medically Uninsured

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The mission of the Live Oak Clinic is to provide quality health care and education to the uninsured residents of Brazosport at minimal cost to patients in an environment which respects the dignity of each person.

Location

First Presbyterian Church
102 Yaupon
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Hours

Thursday 4:30pm-8:00pm
*Eligibility Screening
begins at 4:30 pm*

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Services

Primary healthcare
Out-patient care of diabetes
Out-patient care of hypertension
Out-patient lab & urine testing
Prescription assistance
Social service resources
Nutrition education
Tooth extraction

LIVE OAK CLINIC HAS A NEW HOME

We are pleased to announce that Live Oak Clinic is now located at The First Presbyterian Church, 102 Yaupon Street, Lake Jackson!

This has been a challenging six months. After a search of many properties, we were approached by The First Presbyterian Church. They asked us to tour their facilities, and invited us to locate the clinic there. They wanted us!

The Rev. Allan Trafford, the staff and membership of the church have been very helpful and welcoming and we are very grateful! We have had help from so many people. The Carpenter's Hands remodeled the spaces we will use so that we have beautiful exam rooms. Our volunteers have painted, packed, entered data, and kept the clinic going without missing a beat. J-Mac's Furniture donated the use of their truck so that we could move.

Thank you to all for making this move possible!



Sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church
On Yaupon Street in Lake Jackson



North side entrance near parking lot.



Moving Day!



From The Desk of the Executive Director

We have moved! I can't believe all that has transpired since November! Live Oak Clinic has accepted the gracious offer from First Presbyterian Church of Lake Jackson to occupy part of their space. We have cleaned, painted, and moved!

Some of you have been asking why move away from our client base, but I think that once you realize the opportunity we have been given, you will see it is our hope to touch many more in the move. The congregation has been very embracing of our mission and want to help us. This is a great move for everyone!

Mary Fuchs and I also attended the Lone Star Association for Charity Clinics in Austin on April 3 and 4. This was my first Charity Clinic conference and I was impressed. We were able to meet new friends and renew old friendships. One very important thing to remember concerning charity clinics and Texas.....they WILL always be needed! Our mission of serving the uninsured of our community will not go away. We will be here to serve!

We were also able to attend the Hispanic Health Fair sponsored by the Hispanic Chamber of Conference.

Thank you so much to our donors and volunteers. Your gifts are how we are able to survive and flourish. Your volunteer spirit is what helps us serve our community! Your philanthropy of time and donations is what keeps us afloat!

A big thank you to Carpenter's Hands for their help in remodeling the space we will occupy in First Presbyterian Church and to J-Mac's Furniture Store for moving the clinic. We give special thanks to the embracing congregation of First Presbyterian Church and Dr. Alan Trafford, pastor. Without their commitment to our mission and encouraging words, this move would not have been possible. Thanks to all!

A Note from Mary Fuchs



In the seven years that Live Oak Clinic has been open, there have been many changes but some things have never changed; the care and compassion shown by our volunteers toward the patients they encounter each clinic session has remained their focus. Our most precious assets are the physicians, dentist, and mid-levels. Their generosity and dedication are the key components which allow the clinic to exist.

During this past year, the most challenging undertaking was the implementation of electronic health records (EHR). Computer volunteers spent countless hours, outside of clinic sessions, learning the program and transferring information from the paper charts. The medical providers, nurses, eligibility interviewers, translators, dental coordinator, pharmacist, and scribes have all eagerly adopted the new skills necessary to be proficient with the new EHR.

We are delighted to be moving to space inside First Presbyterian Church; their compassion has been self-evident. Our volunteers have edited, packed, and painted and are eagerly anticipating this opportunity to continue our mission to the indigent uninsured of Brazosport.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated humanitarians and their undaunted spirit; they have kept Live Oak operating during this time of great transitions.



LOC volunteers tour new facility at FPC

DIABETES OUTREACH TRAINING FROM BRAZOSPORT REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND LIVE OAK CLINIC JOIN FORCES

A conversation over coffee between Lisa Baker, RN, BSN, MS, CDE, the certified diabetes educator for Brazosport Regional Health System and Mary Fuchs of Live Oak Clinic has resulted in the partnership between Diabetes Outreach Training (DOTS) and LOC. Executive Leadership from BRHS approved this idea. Our clients are reaping the benefits!

DOTS is accredited by the American Association of Diabetes Educators and has been offered at BRHS since late 2011. The goal is to educate patients to manage their diabetes and to become proactive in their care, rather than only being reactive to their condition. Classes are kept small in order to encourage interaction among patients. The monthly programs are offered in alternating morning, afternoon, and evening sessions for the benefit of patients.

The program consists of four sessions. The first is a one-on-one meeting with the diabetes educator. The patient is taught to use their blood glucose meter. A foot exam is also performed on the patient. The second session teaches about diabetes and how to manage it. A dietitian instructs patients about choosing healthy food and provides a personal meal plan. The third session presents exercise programs and teaches about different medications. It also teaches patients what to do when they get sick and what to do while travelling. Session four gives information on how to keep complications from developing or getting worse.

Mary Fuchs of Live Oak Clinic recounted this conversation with one of our patients. "At clinic, I visited with a delightful patient who has been receiving medical care for her diabetes at Live Oak for a number of years. She was absolutely bubbling over with enthusiasm about the DOTS program, sharing as much of her newfound knowledge as she could condense into the few moments I had to spend with her. By the smile on her face, I realized that she was also filled with appreciation for being treated with dignity."



Lisa Baker

This is an opportunity for LOC patients to be able to understand their diagnosis and learn how to manage their diabetes in a way that has never before been possible. Thank you to Brazosport Regional Health System, the DOTS program, and Lisa Baker for making it possible!

A Special Thank You to our Volunteer Medical Providers!

With you, we would not have a clinic!

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