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MISSION**

## **FACT SHEET:** **Clinic**

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**WHAT:** The clinic at the Lawrence Street Shelter works with volunteer service providers to offer free medical, dental, optical, chiropractic, and referral services to those in need. Care in the Mission's clinic is currently provided primarily to participants in Mission programs. In cases of specialized care, some patients may be charged reduced rates.

**WHERE:** The clinic is located inside the Lawrence Street Shelter: 1130 Park Avenue West, Denver, CO 80205. Phone: 303.297.1815 #2104, Fax: 303.294.9314

**WHO SERVED:** The clinic received over 3,900 visits last year. Clients mostly include New Life Program participants from The Crossing, Harvest Farm and Champa House.

**FACILITY:** The 1,150 square-foot clinic is furnished with donated equipment. A major remodel done in 1999 added two dental chairs and operatives, an automatic dental x-ray processor, a daylight loader, and all new sterilization equipment. Recently, a new chiropractic bench and state-of-the-art optical equipment were also added. New Life Program participants learn new job skills by assisting volunteer professionals and handling general reception duties. The clinic also provides referrals to other health care facilities and finds financial aid resources when needed.

**HISTORY:** Medical services began in 1961. In 1962, Dr. James Shane volunteered as medical director, and Dr. Jack Wasinger added dental care to the program. Dr. Shane served at the Mission until 1998. In 1999, the clinic underwent a major remodel that allows the Mission to provide higher quality care to more people.

**COMPONENTS:** Medical: Free acute medical care is offered several times a week.  
Dental: General dental repair is limited to New Life Program participants. Free dental extractions are open to the public twice a month. For dental services involving lab fees, the Mission seeks individual grants for patients that qualify.  
Optical: The optical clinic provides free eye exams, frames and lenses to program residents and free eyeglass frames to the public. Outside patients with a current prescription pay a nominal fee for both single lens glasses and bifocals.  
Chiropractic: General chiropractic services are offered throughout the week.  
Referrals: Clients may receive referrals to other agencies for care.  
Volunteers: Services are provided as volunteers are available. Last year, 42 medical professionals volunteered at the clinic.

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