AUGUST 2022

UCSD STUDENT-RUN FREE CLINIC PROJECT

Celebrating Community

Annual Free Clinic Gala on March 24, 2022

We held our 25th anniversary celebration on May 24! We are beyond grateful for our amazing community, selfless volunteers, and generous donors. We loved seeing everyone who was able to join us and thank you to everyone who generously donated to help build, grow, and support our community. For over 25 years we have been providing holistic, empowering, high-quality health care to thousands of patients who otherwise do not qualify for other healthcare programs or resources, while inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals. Our work would not be possible without each of you! Here's to the next 25 years of free clinic and beyond!

Street Outreach Team

The Street Outreach Team aims to empower people living unsheltered in San Diego to build relationships and trust with the healthcare and social service systems in the community. The team provides outreach, education, referrals, and advocacy for people living unsheltered in the Pacific Beach area. Participation in street rounds teaches medical students about homelessness and barriers to the healthcare system for people experiencing homelessness.

Fifteen medical students joined the summer term team training on June 22nd, 2022.
Our values:
- Respect for autonomy
- Harm reduction
- Solidarity
- Interdisciplinary teamwork
- Humility
- Kindness

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Since June 29th, 2022, we have had encounters with 79 people and distributed:
- 64 food items
- 48 water bottles
- 47 pairs of socks
- 36 packets of sunscreen
- 33 hygiene kits
- 15 petroleum jelly packets
- 10 emergency blankets
- 6 bus passes
- 6 menstrual pads
- 6 packs of flushable wipes
- 6 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 5 condoms
- 4 pairs of gloves
- 2 tubes of athlete's foot cream

82% of the people we encountered were reported as unsheltered. 88% of the people we encountered were distributed supplies. 21% of those encountered were women, 77% were men, and 2% were not reported.

"The work that medical students did to build this program is extremely impressive. We now have an opportunity to help people who really need it, teach and inspire students, and strengthen an important connection between the School of Medicine and people living unsheltered. What you do matters."
- Luke Barrett, LCSW, Street Outreach Team Co-Director

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