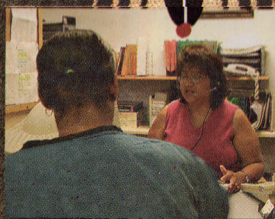


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Hunter Health Clinic is a non-profit Community Health Center in Wichita, Kansas. We provide quality primary health care to all regardless of race, ethnicity or ability to pay. We specialize in caring for those who are underserved or uninsured.

Originating in 1976 at the Mid-America All-Indian Center and known as the Wichita Urban Indian Health Center, Native Americans were served exclusively. In 1985, our health center was expanded to serve all persons and renamed in honor of Jay and Vera Hunter, active Native American and community leaders. That year, we received federal funding, becoming the first Community Health Center in Kansas.

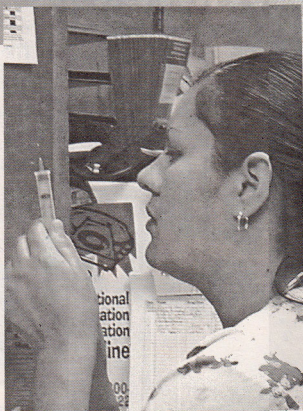
With new federal funding in 1987, we

expanded services to homeless persons. In the 1990s, we opened additional sites and now operate three satellite clinics.

Today, Hunter Health Clinic is the only Urban Indian Health Program in Kansas and the only federally funded Community Health Center in Wichita. In fiscal year 2001, we delivered 50,975 services to 17,899 individuals.

Seven out of 10 of our patients lack health insurance. Three out of four patients have incomes below the federal poverty level. One in five patients are homeless and almost one-third are served best in languages other than English.

Our patient population is 40 percent Caucasian, 21 percent Hispanic/Latino, 20 percent African American, 10 percent Native American and 9 percent Asian American



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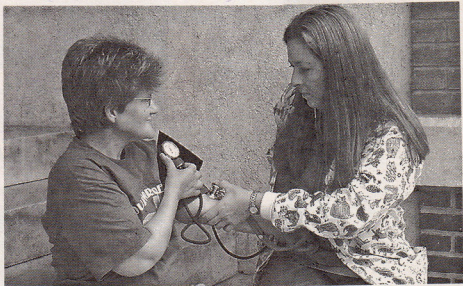
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NATIVE AMERICANS

Regardless of income, verified Native Americans receive most on-site services at no charge after public or private insurance is billed.

PERSONS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Eligibility for SRS programs (Medicaid, Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Families, General Assistance, childcare) can be determined by an SRS employee at our Central Clinic.

PERSONS WITH LANGUAGE NEEDS

Interpretation is provided for Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Lao & Thai languages.

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- Health Education

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- Outreach to School Children

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 - Native American Focus
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 - Outreach to Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders
 - Outreach to Homeless

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BY TRIX NIERNBERGER
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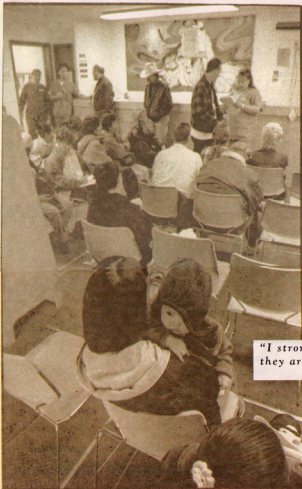


On a Thursday morning, 26 patients wait in close plastic chairs — families of three and four, pregnant women, babies, an older woman weary from pain and two Native elders addressing each other with a common spirit and news of the day. It's a rainbow of Wichitans; African American, Anglo, Cambodian, Hispanic, Native American and Vietnamese. The room buzzes with several languages.

An aged man approaches a flustered receptionist new to the job. She can't find his name in the appointment book.

"I haven't been here for a year, but I know I have an appointment today," he says. His eyes are graced with a glassy film and his skin is loose. Dark brown spots scatter his ashen face. He stands with dignity in pressed slacks, dusty snakeskin boots and a fedora gently eaten by moths.

Anh Le, a dental hygienist walks by. The old man reaches out to him and relaxes as Anh smiles. "I will see this gentleman today," Le says resting his hand on the man's shoulder.



THE PLACE

This is Hunter Health Clinic located in a one-story orange brick building at Central and Grove in Wichita. The 12,000-square-foot facility flying the American flag was built in 1938. Across the street are a thrift store and the Wichita Child Guidance Center — a new service partner with Hunter. There are a few parking spaces in front of the Clinic, but most staff and patients park



in back on broken dirt and asphalt lots. Inside, the painted paneling is scratched and worn. The walls have been dirtied from the more than 50,000 patient visits last year.

Patients are charged for services according to their income. The more income, the more they pay, but few can pay much. Three of four Hunter patients have incomes below the federal poverty level. Seven of 10 are without private or public health insurance.

"I strongly support community health centers ... They are compassionate, they are cost effective and America needs more of them."

Interpreters are needed for nearly a third of the patients. Hunter employs staff who speak Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Lao and Thai.

More than half of the staff are racial or ethnic minorities, as are the patients. "Training, educating and hiring people who live in our neighborhood or represent the patients we serve is almost as important as providing the health services," said Susie Schwartz, CEO.

THE NEED

In Kansas, 245,000 people under the age of 65 are uninsured. Community health centers in the country serve one in 10 of those uninsured. There are nine federally funded centers in Kansas. These centers have proven to be cost effective. For every dollar invested in Kansas' community health centers, the federal government saves \$1.53 in Medicaid expenditures by keeping the emergency rooms free of non-emergency patient visits.

Getting specialty and tertiary care can be more difficult for those without health insurance, however. In Wichita, a network of providers through Project Access assist with this level of care.

To some, community health centers are the answer to the problem of the uninsured. President George W. Bush said, "I strongly support community health centers ... They are compassion-



ate or other doctors' offices."

Indeed, at Hunter Health Clinic, it is more comprehensive. With 17 employees, Hunter offers the services of medical, dental, mental health, sub-

— President George W. Bush stands abuse, medications, HIV/AIDS testing, a teen pregnancy program, outreach and more. Fourth year KU residents from Wesley Medical Center provide obstetrics and gynecological care.

Dr. Saleem Shaheed, medical director and KU residency graduate, said he is excited about the clinic's participation in a national cardiovascular collaborative. Hunter is implementing a model program to improve patient self-manage-

ment of the disease.

Robin Smith, director of the teen pregnancy program, has worked at Hunter for 10 years and was a teen mother herself. Her first child was born when she was 17, her third when she was 21. "I can link these young women to all kinds of services that I didn't know about," she said.

Phina Chan, director of outreach, came to the United States from Cambodia when he was a child. Patients

died with my husband," she said. "A friend said I should go to Hunter. I was too proud to go to a clinic. But, I was hurting real bad one day. So, I went."

Tucker said they ran some tests. When she returned for the results the doctor told her to consider joining Hunter's board of directors. "He told me they needed honest people like me on the board," she said. "So, I thought, at least I can pay this way." Six years later, Bernice now prays for Hunter as she does for her own children.

THE BOARD

Hunter's board of trustees is controlled by consumers of its services. The federal government requires consumer-based boards to ensure that services are tailored to the unique needs of the community. Mark Brown, Hunter's board chairperson, is a Native American leader. "Our people come here," he said. "Hunter has a relationship with the people."

A SUCCESS

Robert Barnes, a 53-year-old diabetic patient, credited the Hunter staff with saving his feet. "When I came through the door here, I had 12 ulcers on my feet. I've now down to one," he said. "If I hadn't met these good people, you'd be talking to somebody with two stumps."

Barnes grew up in west Wichita. When he became self-employed, he paid for his family's health insurance. A couple of years ago, he completed a big job and didn't get paid. Then, he discovered he had diabetes.

"I never asked anybody for help. I've always taken care of myself. I dig ditches and lay pipe. These folks gave me the power to manage my disease," he said looking down at his heavy work boots thick with mud. "They care about their patients. I think they need more staff and a better building, but in terms of competence and caring, they aren't short a bit."

Bernice Tucker came to Hunter after her husband died in 1996. "Our insur-

SOME OF THOSE WHO CARE AT

ISABEL GYONGYOSSY Volunteer, Board of Directors

Today's Hunter Health Clinic staff appreciation luncheon is organized by Isabel Gyongyossy. Wearing a blue apron embroidered with "Honored Elder," Isabel prepares beef stew with dried Indian corn. A triage nurse wakes at 3 a.m. to make Indian fry bread. In the basement conference room decorated with a vibrant mural by local Native American artist Rick Regan, staff and board members eat together. "I'm thankful," Isabel says. "I want to feed these people who care for the sick. Indian people believe in serving others. A person just feels good when they have a full stomach."

Shortly after the Hunter Health Clinic opened at the Mid-American All-Indian Center in 1976, Isabel Gyongyossy began coming in for medical care. The clinic moved two years later to its current location at 2318 East Central, and she started to volunteer whenever she visited.

"We had two rooms and nine chairs then," she said. "There was nowhere to wait for the doctor, so everyone would sit in their cars. When the doctor was ready, I'd go outside and call the next patient." Services were limited to Native Americans.

Born on the Pine Ridge Oglala Sioux reservation, Isabel said her grandfather told her to learn the white man's language, go to his schools and leave the reservation because she would know only poverty and suffering there. Heeding her grandfather's advice, at age 17, she left. Some 25 years later and after many moves, she arrived in Wichita with her husband. If you ask her today, Wichita and the Hunter Health Clinic, is her home.

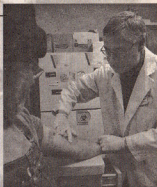
In 1985, the Clinic was renamed for Jay and Vera Hunter, prominent Native Americans and community leaders. At that same time, the doors were opened to persons of all races and ethnic backgrounds. Hunter became the first federally funded community health center in Kansas.

Isabel, now 75, joined Hunter's Board of Directors in 1989. "We serve everybody who comes to our door. We try to help the prisoners and the homeless. I've been playing the lottery," she said with a smile, "but I never win anything. I want to see our new clinic built, so we have space for everyone."



NEWMAN WASHINGTON Director, Substance Abuse Program

Newman Washington, director of the substance abuse program and from the Eastern Shoshone and Absentee Shawnee tribes, is grounded in Native American spirituality and uses the "Red Road" approach. This Native concept means that life is a series of lessons, insights and understandings that lead to wisdom. Choices are adventures. Hurdles are challenges. Setbacks are learning experiences.



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SUSIE SCHWARTZ CEO, Hunter Health Clinic

At Washburn Law School, Susette Schwartz organizes an effort to upgrade the conditions of the women's restroom designed when few women studied law. A local radio station hears and calls her the "toilet buster" based on that year's popular movie: "Ghost Busters."



Recently, Hunter Health Clinic received a national award for accomplishments on behalf of urban Native Americans. The award was due, in part, to the leadership of Hunter Health Clinic CEO Susette Schwartz.

Susie, as she prefers to be called, is comfortable at Hunter. Her father was Native American. "Before I came to Hunter," she said, "I never realized that my dad's contemplative style of discourse was natural to Native Americans."

Inspired by anthropologist Margaret Mead, Susie received a degree in cultural anthropology and later attended law school. She is licensed to practice law in Kansas and before the United States Supreme Court. During her career, she worked for the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, Great Bend Packing and the Boeing Company.

For the past nine years, she has worked at Hunter Health Clinic and is known for her dedication and tenaciousness. Her success has been recognized when she was selected to be part of the Leadership Kansas class of 1998.

Her goal now: to build a new clinic which will take \$5 million and "lots of begging and plenty of effort. But I am up for the job. And so is Hunter Health Clinic."

ANH LE Dental Hygienist

Anh Le squirts fluoride foam into a ten-year-old patient's mouth. He asks her to swish for 60 seconds. Her younger sister watches and giggles. "That doesn't taste like grape," she says as he uses the suction to rinse her mouth. "It tastes like shaving cream." Anh smiles. These patients, and others like them, are the reason he has worked at Hunter Health Clinic for the past eight years.



"I grew up poor, so I appreciate what we do (here)," said Anh Le, dental hygienist at Hunter Health Clinic.

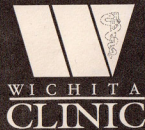
Born in Phan Thiet, Vietnam, Anh came to Wichita with his parents and two sisters when he was nine. His father had been imprisoned for two years because he fought with the Americans against the Viet Cong. Anh's family had escaped from Vietnam with 35 others on a small fishing boat. After floating four days and nights, they were rescued by two fishermen who guided them to an Indonesian island. A year later, the United States government loaned them the money to come to Wichita. Here, Anh's father earned a living mowing lawns while his mother was a housekeeper. Over time, they paid back their loan.

"When we got here, we had nothing," Anh said. "We didn't speak English and we didn't have any money." Anh attended public schools in Wichita where he decided he wanted to become a dentist but didn't have the money to attend dental school. Instead, he enrolled in the dental hygiene program at Wichita State University.

When he graduated, he was the first Vietnamese dental hygienist in town. "If Vietnamese patients did not speak English," he said, "they came to me here (at Hunter Health Clinic)." There are an estimated 6,859 Vietnamese in Wichita today.

"Hunter is a great place to work," he said. "You get so much satisfaction knowing you can help. This is the last stop for dental care. Usually, when patients come here, they've waited too long. They have terrible toothaches."

Anh's enthusiasm for his work has also brought benefits to more than the patients he serves at Hunter. Last year, 65 WSU dental hygiene program students worked with him at the Clinic. According to some of the graduates, Anh is the reason why they are dental hygienists. Whenever student Nga Le was having problems at school she'd call Anh. "He's a great listener," she said, "and he always tried to help me."



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