

History and Relevancy

Mission: To promote and provide quality health care to the underserved population residing in the City of St. Joseph and Buchanan County in a safe and compassionate manner.

History and Relevancy: The Social Welfare Board of Buchanan County (SWB) is a not for profit healthcare clinic created by MO State Statute 205.770 in 1913. As the oldest free and charitable clinic in the United States, the founder garnered the support of local governments and community members. Equally as important, the founder persuaded the community's physicians to treat the impoverished at no charge. The SWB provides the following clinics: primary medical, women's health, dental, behavioral health referrals and necessary specialty referrals. The clinic is centrally located in the historic Patee Health Market, 904 S. 10th, Suite A, St. Joseph, MO, Monday through Friday, 8 – 4:30. Uninsured individuals residing in Buchanan County with incomes 200 % and below the federal poverty level are eligible for free medical and low cost dental services.

Westside (women's health & reproductive health) services utilize a sliding fee schedule, with no geographical restrictions. Many services are free for those with earnings below 200% of the federal poverty level. The Social Welfare Board is committed to serving this primarily rural area where there are more access barriers to overcome, lower income levels, and higher percentages of uninsured.

The Social Welfare Board has earned a trusted reputation as the go to place for the uninsured in need. The SWB is the only free and charitable clinic in Northwest MO. On June 29, 2011 the SWB received notification the clinic earned the highest level of recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient-Centered Health Medical Home; the first for any free clinic in the U.S. The NCQA seal is a reliable indicator for patients and consumers that the organization delivers high quality care and service through effective management. The clinic has maintained NCQA recognition. Additionally, since 2011 the SWB has enhanced clinic processes and efficiencies through the utilization of an electronic medical record.

Friends of the Free Clinic:

In 2008 The Friends of the Free Clinic, a 501(c)(3) not for profit designated foundation was created to solely support the efforts of the Social Welfare Board in its mission to provide quality medical and dental care to indigent persons living in Buchanan County, Missouri. The Friends of the Free Clinic (FOFC) works to increase awareness and funding for the clinic. The FOFC provides a means for the Social Welfare Board to apply and obtain grant awards that require 501(c)(3) not for profit status.



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Social Welfare Board



The Oldest Free and Charitable Clinic
in the United States

Located at:
Patee Health Market, 904 S. 10th, Suite A, St. Joseph, MO,
Monday through Friday, 8 – 4:30.
816-233-5188

Westside Clinic

Open Monday through Friday
8 am to 4:30 pm

Provides affordable, preventive and reproductive healthcare and early detection cancer screenings to keep families healthy.

Services offered:

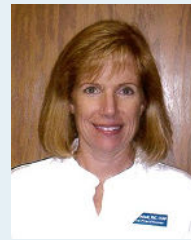
- clinical breast exams
- mammogram referrals
- Cervical diagnostic services (paps, colposcopy biopsy)
- Birth control
- Pregnancy testing and education
- STD/HIV testing and education for males/ females
- Diabetes and cholesterol tests for women 35– 64 years of age

Eligibility requirements: no residential or income restrictions;

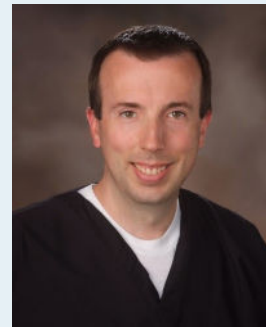
- Sliding fee scale.....all ages accepted
- Show Me Healthy Program: Free for people with incomes 200% and below FPL (ages 40-64 years of age)



L to R: Danyelle Kerns & Karen McCoy



Cindy Schoenlaub, NP



Dr. Brett Barzee, DDS

Dental Clinic

Open Monday through Friday
8 am to 4:30 pm

Provides emergency care, cleanings, fillings, extractions, fixed prosthetics including crowns and bridges, dentures, root canal therapy, needed x-rays, medications and dental cleanings.

Eligibility requirements: Buchanan County resident
Income 200% or below the FPL
Uninsured, Medicaid accepted
All ages (children seen on cases by case basis)

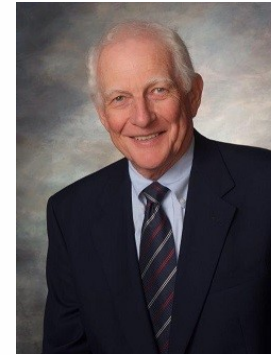
Meet Our Providers

Medical Clinic

Open Monday through Friday
8 am to 4:30 pm

Provides primary health care for acute and chronic conditions. Services include in-house labs; lab draws; free medications; referrals to specialists, patient education, coordination of imaging tests and patient education.

Dr. Robert Stuber, MD
Medical Director
Social Welfare Board



Eligibility requirements:

- Buchanan County resident
- Income 200% or below the FPL
- Uninsured, Medicaid accepted
- 18-64 years of age



Dr. George Mulder



Dr. James McMillen



Karen McCoy, FNP



Carol Mullican, FNP



Latha Varghese, FNP