

UNACARE HEALTH CENTER

A NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER IN MIDTOWN
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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UNACARE

University **N**ursing **A**ssociates

provides

Community

Access to Health

Resources and **E**ducation

Beginnings

- 1998
- Unique Affiliation with UMMC
SON and Midtown Community
Partners
- No start-up funding

Community Partners

- **University of Mississippi School of Nursing**
- **Midtown Partners, Inc.**
- **Jackson Housing Authority**
- **Mississippi Baptist Health Systems**
- **Walker Foundation (non profit foundation dedicated to revitalizing the North Midtown area of Jackson, capitol city of Mississippi)**
- **Health care colleagues Family Medicine, OB-GYN, Pediatrics**

The UNACARE Differential

- *First* health care facility managed/staffed by nursing faculty in urban area in MS
- *Neighborhood* location
- *Patient-centered environment*
- *Education focus to empower clients*
- **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS** with organizations to design and implement a program where empowered people take charge of their neighborhood, their health and their lives

Current Site

- **30 year old building with myriad of problems**
 - **Ubiquitous Yazoo Clay**
 - **Electrical**
 - **Plumbing**
 - **Structural shifting**
- **4 exam rooms (one marginally useful)**
- **Situated on perimeter of neighborhood**
- **2 miles from University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Since Opening June 1998

- **\$528,041.05 in uncompensated care**
- **SON contributed over 12, 000 hours of faculty service through faculty practice**
- **Health care provided to over 25,000 clients**
- **Earned presence in community**
- **Familiarity with large, extended, multigenerational families...children who received their immunizations & camp physicals, now young adults starting own families**

Since 1998

- **Over a decade primary care services in a predominantly African American community...**
 - **Poverty rate of 47%**
 - **64% of children live below poverty level**
 - **Limited transportation in spite of inner city location**

UNACARE'S FUTURE

CHALLENGES

PLANS

Community Activity

- **JHA-Midtown Partners Initiative**
 - **Housing opportunities**
 - **Health (services/community support/education/recreation)**
 - **A mixed use neighborhood**

New UNACARE facility

- JHA acquisition of commercial space 0.4 miles
- 6 exam rooms, education/consult room/ completely renovated space
- Shared location with JHA satellite office, community room, UNACARE Health Center and Community Barber Shop

Expansion of Services

Addition of staff

- Full-time Nurse Practitioner

- Full-time Registered Nurse

- Full-time MOA

Expansion of EHR to fully integrated

Expansion of hours of operation

Increase patient visits

Expansion of Education

- Advanced Practice Students complete 30% of clinical learning experience at ***UNACARE***

Or

30% of clinical practice in medically underserved, economically disadvantaged community based nurse-managed health center

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Community Partners

Ladybugs
Tour
UMMC
SON

