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Mission: to provide healthcare and related services, including pharmaceutical products and supplements, for underserved populations and needy individuals

Vision: a world with less health disparity, where more people have the opportunity to reach their full potential. We operate under the premise that improving health for any segment of the population improves health and welfare for all of us.

Our Story

We are a 501(c)(3) Florida Non-Profit Corporation established to provide healthcare and related services, including prescriptions and other pharmaceutical products, for underserved populations and needy individuals.

Eight years ago, friends Harvey Rohlwing MD, and Tim Rogers RPh, returned from a medical mission trip abroad and realized we needed this type of help in our own backyard of Gainesville, Florida. So in 2016, they founded Grace Healthcare Services Corp. Initially the effort was for a free pharmacy. There were free clinics around town, but many who received prescriptions from them could not afford their medicine. In 2017, Grace Pharmacy opened its doors.

Additionally, Grace Healthcare Services was instrumental in establishing the initial medical clinic at GRACE Marketplace to provide healthcare to medically indigent individuals in the Gainesville area. The physical space is provided rent-free by the City of Gainesville. Since then, we have expanded the clinic facilities to be used by the Alachua Area Medical Reserve Corps on Mondays, Helping Hands Clinic on Wednesdays, and UF Mobile Outreach Clinic on Thursdays, providing ongoing support, equipment and supplies necessary to operate their free medical clinics.

Grace Healthcare Services is not GRACE Marketplace, our area's shelter and services for those experiencing homelessness. Grace Healthcare Services and GRACE are safety net partners, serving largely the same population, operating mostly out of the same campus, but remain two separate nonprofit entities each seeking their own grants and donations.



Grace Pharmacy, “*the pharmacy without a cash register,*” was established in 2017 by Grace Healthcare Services Corp to supply prescribed medications at no charge to qualifying patients who otherwise could not afford them. Since that time, we have dispensed over 32,666 prescriptions.



GRACE CLINIC

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The clinics provide acute care and chronic disease management for hundreds of individuals who otherwise would have no access to care. Grants and donations will help us expand health care services provided for the poor and needy. We operate out of the premise that improving health for any segment of the population improves health and welfare for all of us. Alachua Area Medical Reserve Corps (AAMRC), the safety net partner using Grace Clinic on Mondays for General Medical and Women's (Only) Clinics saw 450 patients in 2022.

The General Medical Clinic provides acute and chronic care for asthma/respiratory conditions, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, gastrointestinal conditions, various eye conditions, mental health and neurological conditions. The Women's (only) Clinic provides general medical, gynecological, sexual assault trauma care, STD testing & treatment, limited pre-natal care (and referral) and sexual assault evaluation with onsite counseling by Alachua County Victim Services/Rape Crisis Center staff.

Progress Made in 2022

- Grace Pharmacy saw 1,475 patients and dispensed 6,045 prescriptions. All but one of the Registered Pharmacists (RPhs) are volunteers, the one being a part-time independent contractor.
- Alachua Area Medical Reserve Corps (AAMRC), the safety net partner using the Grace Clinic on Mondays for General Medical and Women's (Only) Clinics saw 450 patients. All but one of the AAMRC medical providers (1 MD, 5 APRNs, 2 RNs, 1 CNA) staffing the AAMRC clinics are volunteers. Our very part-time nurse clinic administrator is an independent contractor for 8 hours/week.

We do not have access to and therefore cannot state patient numbers for Helping Hands or UF Mobile Outreach Clinic operating out of Grace Clinic on Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively. But if we were to extrapolate based on Monday's clinics, and simply multiply by three, we might venture to say that Grace Clinic served approximately 1,500 patients this past year.

- Grace Healthcare Services Corp (GHSC) was accepted and participated for the first time in the University of Florida's Campaign for Charities (UFCC), dedicated this time to our global health effort, providing lodging for University of Haiti medical students temporarily living in Gainesville for an externship in Emergency Medicine at UF. We are submitting our application to participate again in 2023's UFCC; we find out in Spring 2023 how we did in 2022's Campaign.
- We had our first fundraiser! GHSC Board Member, Dr Meredith Kelly, sponsored us at Crafty's in March and we received a nice contribution.
- We were named as Charity of the Month for the first time...by Hogtown Brewers Homebrew Club and given a nice contribution.
- We were named Charity of the Month for the second time...by Blackadder Brewing Company and given a nice contribution.
- We participated in GRACE Marketplace's Farm to Table annual event to help end homelessness.
- Grace Healthcare Services participated for the second time in the Amazing Give coordinated by the Community Foundation of North Central Florida. We set a goal of \$10K and worked with an electronic media professional. We exceeded our goal by a few hundred dollars, and made a number of times over what we had the previous year. We look forward to participating in 2023's Amazing Give.

- GHSC applied for and received our second three-year grant cycle award, 2023 – 2025, CHOICES grant through Alachua County, \$36+K/year. This will again fund Grace Pharmacy’s part-time independent contractor pharmacist. There are currently also 4 (four) volunteer RPhs who staff Grace Pharmacy.
- Ronald W. Naito, M.D. Foundation: grant applied for and awarded \$40,000, awarded \$20,000 each year, 2022 and 2023, covering Grace Healthcare’s part-time nurse clinic administrator.
- University of Florida Medical Guild: grant applied for and awarded \$5,494 for the AAMRC Women’s (Only) Clinic supplies and medicines.
- Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation: grant applied for and awarded the 2023 Wild Game Feast grant (estimated at \$40,000.00) to expand and improve Grace Pharmacy.
- Grace Healthcare Services now has a webmaster, the electronics media professional we worked with for the Amazing Give. She has built a new website. We are now a .org rather than a .com. Check us out! <https://www.gracehealthcs.org/>

The Future and Our Goals

Grace Healthcare Services Corp VISION: a world with less health disparity, where more people have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

- In addition to continuing free general medical and women’s clinics and a free pharmacy, Grace Healthcare Services plans to continue helping Haitian medical students with housing and living expenses while they are temporarily in Gainesville for Emergency Medicine Externships at UF.
- We have opened the conversation for possible collaboration with St Francis House, providing the women housed there with our Women’s (Only) Clinic services. This could be a joint grant application to the Women’s Giving Circle in 2023.



- We continue with our commitment to street medicine, and collaboration with safety net partners, UF’s Mobile Outreach Clinic, UF Psychiatry, and GRACE Marketplace’s Outreach, to bring acute medical care and pharmaceutical services, with links to social service programs, to the unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in the Alachua County area.



Homeless Outreach & Street Medicine Program

- Expand pharmacy services to all qualifying, needy individuals in the Alachua County area.
- Support and expand the clinic where partner safety-net organizations can provide medical care to indigent and needy individuals in Gainesville, Florida, and the surrounding area.

Diversity, Inclusion, Equity Statement **Affirmative Action Policy**

At Grace Healthcare Services Corp we fight the battle against healthcare disparity. We believe healthcare starts with compassion and respect for our patients and each other. We embrace and nurture the underserved, uninsured and homeless. We do not discriminate. All are included, all are served.

Grace Healthcare Services Corp provides services to patients, and opportunities for volunteering and employment, to qualified persons without regard to age, gender, sexual orientation, ability/disability, race or color, education, religious or political views, economic status, or national origin.

Testimonials

“*This selfless group is what makes our community great.*” Brandon Allen MD, Department of Emergency Medicine, UF College of Medicine

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“*The population served has warm regard for Dr Rohlwing, it is clear it is his passion.*” Raema Jean MD, a former University of Haiti medical student housed by Grace Healthcare Services while rotating through an emergency medicine externship at UF.



Dr Jean and wife, Rose Carlie Rene MS1, on either side of Dr Harvey Rohlwing while visiting Grace Clinic, Summer, 2022

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Rupert Heard credits Grace Healthcare (Grace Clinic and Grace Pharmacy) for keeping him alive during the three and a half years he experienced homelessness. Now housed and working for the past couple of years, Rupert is a proud proponent of Grace Healthcare Services and serves on its Board of Directors as someone with *lived experience*.



Rupert Heard

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Dwayne “Mike” Kennedy is grateful to Grace Clinic and Grace Pharmacy for helping him get better while he was experiencing homelessness, helping him learn how to better manage his diabetes, and providing insulin for him while he got back on his feet. He is now healthy, able to work using his Commercial Driver’s License, rents his own place and drives his own car.



Dwayne “Mike” Kennedy

Gratitude

We wish to thank all of the organizations with whom Grace Healthcare Services Corp collaborates: Alachua Area Medical Reserve Corp/FL Department of Health, UF Mobile Outreach Clinic, Helping Hands, Equal Access Clinic, UF Psychiatry, GRACE Marketplace, City of Gainesville, Alachua County, UF Medical Guild, and Rotary Clubs of Gainesville.