

Flying Samaritans

January Newsletter



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January Reflection

January Clinic was a powerful start to the year, bringing together an incredible team of volunteers to serve 74 patients in need on January 18th. Each encounter represented not just a number, but a person who received compassionate, quality care. From vision screenings and dental treatments to comprehensive medical evaluations, the clinic showcased the dedication, collaboration, and heart of everyone involved. Seeing providers and students work side by side to deliver meaningful care reinforced the mission that drives Flying Samaritans each month.

Beyond clinic day, January set the tone for a meaningful semester ahead. The energy carried into our first GBM and fundraiser reflects the momentum built from a successful past year. Whether treating patients, organizing logistics, or supporting behind the scenes, every volunteer played a role in making the day impactful. January reminded us that when we come together with a shared purpose, we can create lasting change: one clinic, one patient, and one team at a time.



January Clinic Recap

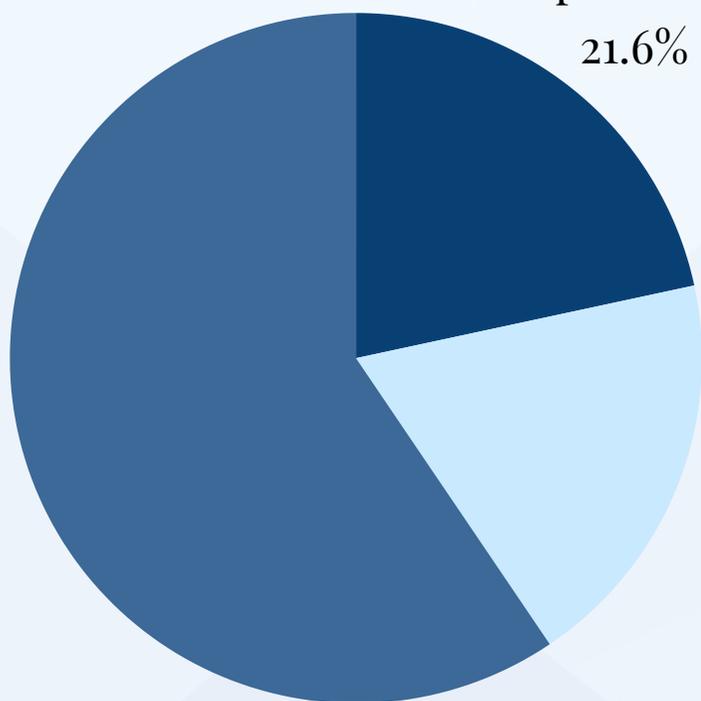
On January 18th, our dedicated team of volunteers provided care to a total of 74 patients in need. This included 16 optometry patients who received vision screenings and eye care services, 14 dental patients who were treated for urgent and preventive oral health needs, and 44 medical patients who received comprehensive medical evaluations and treatment.

Clinic Stats

Optometry
21.6%

Medical
59.5%

Dental
18.9%



EVENTS



January
Clinic

18
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GBM #1

27
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Krispy
Kreme
Fundraiser

28
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Provider of the Month



Dr. Craig Huenergardt, DDS

Dr. Huenergardt graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry with a BS in Dental Hygiene in 1982 and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1986. He started North County Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry from scratch in 1992, Through dedicated marketing and patient care, the practice steadily grew until he sold it in 2013. He has since continued working as an associate dentist in the same practice for the past 13 years, practicing three days per week and serving nearly four decades in dentistry.

Midway through his career, Dr. Huenergardt felt called to give back beyond traditional practice. He began organizing dental outreach clinics in Punta Abreojos, partnering with Los Médicos Voladores to bring volunteer dentists and hygienists to underserved communities. Over time, his commitment to service expanded to working with organizations such as Casa Hogar orphanage and, more recently, SDSU Flying Samaritans, joining us for two clinics. He is grateful to serve alongside such an enthusiastic group and enjoys combining his love for dentistry and teaching to support future outreach efforts with Flying Sams.