



More than 45 million Americans lack health insurance. In Connecticut, one in eight people are uninsured. Every year, these numbers continue to climb.

Who are the uninsured? Take a look around you. It may be the hard-working waitress who serves your breakfast at the local diner and who also works another job before going home to her children. It may be the self-employed carpenter with two decades of work experience. It may be the seasonal landscaper who comes to your home every week.

Every year, more than 18,000 uninsured people across the country die prematurely due to lack of health insurance. This is more than those dying annually from diabetes or HIV/AIDS. The AmeriCares Free Clinics offer relief to those who find themselves without health insurance by providing treatment, diagnostic testing and medications along with a healthy dose of compassion.



AmeriCares Free Clinics is an AmeriCares program.

AmeriCares is a nonprofit disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization which provides immediate response to emergency medical needs – and supports long-term humanitarian assistance programs – for all people around the world, irrespective of race, creed or political persuasion.

For more information on AmeriCares Free Clinics, to volunteer, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact:

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Providing free, quality health care to the uninsured



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The AmeriCares Free Clinics Story

The AmeriCares Free Clinics were established in 1994 to serve the medical needs of the working poor. Their mission is to provide free, quality health care to Connecticut's uninsured, while protecting each patient's dignity and self-respect. With locations in Norwalk, Danbury and Bridgeport, AmeriCares Free Clinics have delivered more than \$12 million in health care services since they were founded. These services have been made possible by a network of 400 local volunteers and strong community partnerships.



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A Closer look...



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The work of AmeriCares Free Clinics relies on dedicated, compassionate volunteer doctors, nurses, interpreters, support personnel and donors. Each person's contribution makes a great impact. Every skill, every volunteer hour, every dollar, makes a difference.

"I walked into the Danbury clinic feeling hopeless...then this nurse took my hand and said 'I think we can help you.' I don't know which was more important – the pills they gave me or the compassion they demonstrated."

— Danbury Patient

The Power of Partnerships

Community support is key to the success of our programs. Rent-free space for each clinic is just the beginning of each community's generosity. Local hospitals and laboratories donate a wide range of diagnostic testing and clinical services, making available the tools to deliver quality health care.

"The clinic serves a group of people who are in serious need of health care... AmeriCares goes a long way to making that happen for them."

— Norwalk Health Official

Quality Medical Care

AmeriCares Free Clinics are cost efficient due to the generous efforts of our volunteers and in-kind donors. With more than 400 volunteers on our health care team, we are able to provide a wide range of outpatient medical services, including life-saving medications.

"I never realized how many people do not have medical insurance until I began volunteering for AmeriCares. Everyone should be able to obtain good medical care."

— Bridgeport Physician

How You Can Help

As the number of people without affordable health insurance grows, so does the need for AmeriCares Free Clinics. Your support is vital so that we can continue our work. We are always looking for new volunteer doctors, nurses, interpreters and receptionists, as well as financial support. Your dollars keep our doors open.

"I get to meet a lot of wonderful people from really diverse backgrounds. Every day, you can really see all the good that you are doing."

— Danbury Volunteer