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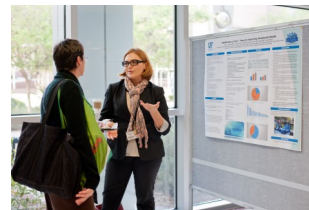
VITAL STATISTICS (January 1, 2014- March 31, 2014)

- Provided **55 hours** of free healthcare to the community
- Served **60** patients
- Donated **\$13,750** of physician services
- Provided **\$3,588** of staff services
- Ranked **#2** in Safety Net Provider Clinics in Alachua County

DIVERSITY DAY AT THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

On March 19, 2014 The College of Public Health and Health Professions at the University of Florida held its first "Diversity Day". This event included a display of posters with the goal of promoting and exchanging new ideas in the areas of health disparities, global perspectives on health, and the impact of diversity on health professions. Our Clinical Coordinator, Livia Sura (*pictured*), considered this event to be a opportunity to present a poster highlighting the clinic's outreach.

Since the clinic opened in 2011, we have provided free medical care to 285 patients in over 450 clinical visits. Our effort intends to reduce health disparities in our community as we strive



to promote living in a community where everyone has access to quality healthcare.

The clinic has a diverse group of students and physician volunteers, who are educated in

cultural competency and can serve our patients of different backgrounds.

The clinic also participates in different community outreach programs where our volunteers complete health screenings, provide education to increase health literacy on preventable diseases, and offer our services to all in need. All these activities and the skills of our volunteers place our clinic on one of the top Safety Net Clinics in our County.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our team would like to recognize Dr. Oloufa for his great dedication to our patients. One of our volunteers contacted Dr. Oloufa on a Saturday asking for his help seeing some patients that needed specialty care. Dr. Oloufa responded immediately to the clinic's needs and came to the clinic a week later to see a couple of pa-

tients. When one patient could not come to the appointment, Dr. Oloufa accepted to reschedule the appointment at a time convenient for the patient's schedule.

Our team would like to thank Tiffany Valverde, one of our volunteers, for her continued help with updating our electronic

medical records (EMR) and patient charts. Tiffany works hard "behind the scenes" to ensure that our documentation is completed correctly and promptly. She comes in a few times a month during the week, and she helps with scanning documents and uploading them to our EMR database.



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Assistance for
Humanity by
Muslim Americans"*

How You CAN HELP

The RAHMA Mercy Clinic is dependent up on volunteers and donations. If you are interested in volunteering, visit <http://rahmamercyclinic.com/files/application.pdf> to download a volunteer application. Physicians and other health care providers are encouraged to donate their time and expertise. Community members are welcome to volunteer as well!

Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 142441, Gainesville FL 32614-2441. Donations of medical equipment and supplies are appreciated. If you would like to donate these types of supplies, please contact the clinic to coordinate the donation. All donations are tax-deductible.

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RAHMA MERCY CLINIC TEAM

The RAHMA Mercy Clinic would like to introduce our team for the 2014-2015 year:

Medical Directors: *Dr. Ibrahim Faruqi and Dr. Mustafa Ahmed*

Outreach Coordinator: *Omar Iqbal*



"I am a first year medical student at UF. Being a part of RAHMA Mercy Clinic and the entire initiative is a huge blessing. From the patients, to the coordinators, volunteers, and physicians, I cannot be thankful enough for having such beautiful people touch my heart and give me the opportunity to learn from their enriching life stories and experiences."

Volunteer Coordinator: *Kenny Wang*



"I am graduating in May with a BS in Microbiology and Cell Science. I will be applying to medical school this year, but will continue volunteering at the clinic in this gap year. I highly value the opportunity to volunteer at RAHMA and the ability to provide assistance to the community. I am a firm believer of the saying "if everyone helps the person next to them, then no one would be without help".

Community Liaison: *Geoffrey Panjeton*



"As a medical student and a clinic coordinator, I have benefitted immensely from being involved with RAHMA. Not only do the clinical experiences reinforce the basic science knowledge I gain in the classroom and serve as a means of improving my patient interaction skills, but the opportunity to help some of the most marginalized in our community in a meaningful way serves as motivation and inspiration to excel academically and help RAHMA provide the best services possible."

Clinical Coordinator: *Livia Sura*



"I continue to be part of the team as a Clinical Coordinator. I work full time for the University of Florida doing clinical research, and I enjoy helping with our clinic on the weekends and in my free time. I bring clinical knowledge and skills to our team, and I ensure that the clinic flows smoothly."

Newsletter Editor/Visual Designer: *Yasmin Islam*



"Being a part of RAHMA has greatly enhanced my medical school career. Being able to help provide free healthcare to people in need is incredibly rewarding—you can truly make a difference in a person's life and help him or her live a more healthful life. The patients' stories remind me why I entered healthcare to begin with."