

RAHMA MERCY CLINIC

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CLINIC AND PROVIDER AWARDS

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

- Provided **65 hours** of free healthcare to the community
- Served **65 patients**
- Donated **\$15,500** of physician services
- Provided **\$3,588** of staff services
- Ranked **#2** in Safety Net Provider Clinics in Alachua County

RAHMA Mercy Clinic and its volunteer health care providers have won several awards this quarter.

The clinic received the Peace Award from the Silk Road Club. The award was presented on Thursday, November 6 at the Club's Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner. The Silk Road Club is dedicated to bridging boundaries that can be created by different cultures, faiths, and beliefs, in an attempt to work together to benefit humanity.

Their award was presented to the clinic for the clinic's dedication to serving the community.

Dr. Mustafa Ahmed received the 2014 Spirit of Gainesville Award for his work in helping found the clinic. He was nominated for this honor by the Alachua County Medical Society. Regarding his motivations for starting the clinic, he says, "In the Islamic tradition there is an emphasis on trying to improve the human

condition and uplift your neighbor."

Shimaa Ghonim, a pharmacist at Shands, received Shands' Great Catch Award for recognizing a mistake in medication dosing for a child. Her diligent work helps ensure patient safety for children in Shands hospital.



Congratulations to both of the awardees! The clinic is lucky to have such dedicated, talented providers.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our team would like to recognize three physicians this quarter: Dr. Faruqi, Dr. Mansoor, and Dr. Rahman. Drs. Faruqi and Mansoor are available to assist at the clinic on short notice, which helps keep the clinic running every Saturday. Dr. Faruqi has volunteered twelve hours this semester, while Dr. Mansoor has contributed

nine hours. We appreciate both of these physicians for their continual support and selflessness.

On December 13, Dr. Rahman was able to come to clinic from the hospital at minutes' notice to help see patients. Dr. Mansoor also arrived at the clinic to assist as soon as he got out of an appointment he was in.

The clinic gratefully appreciates these two physicians for being able to come to the clinic's aid at the drop of a hat. With the busy schedule of all providers, it is truly outstanding that these two physicians would take time out of their Saturday and help immediately.



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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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CLINIC OUTREACH

One of our clinic coordinators, Omar Iqbal, helped raise awareness for RAHMA Mercy Clinic, along with other free clinics, as part of a research project during this past summer. As part of a



UF College of Medicine initiative to promote health amongst underserved populations, Omar spent the summer between his first and second year of medical school studying the needs of the homeless population in Gainesville, in an attempt to determine what free services in the area they already were aware of, as well as what services still need to be delivered.

Between June and July, Omar and his colleagues set up two health fairs. Their aim was to ensure that this indigent population was maximizing the services available to them. The first health fair was held in Bo Diddley Plaza, where many of the underserved persons in Gainesville tend to congregate. The second health fair was held in GRACE Marketplace, a location known for being a “one-stop shop” for those in need.

At these health fairs, the team incorporated games, food, raffle tickets, and prizes to attract participants’ interest and help get their message across. They also provided some basic health services, such as screening for high blood pressure and diabetes. They provided attendees with documentation of their results, so that they could subsequently present the numbers to the clinics they learned about at the fair. The goal was to enable the attendees to provide a more accurate medical history to their providers. They also provided the attendees with t-shirts that had the RAHMA Clinic information and hours, as well as bus maps that directed patients on how to reach the clinic.

The next outreach as a part of this project will be on January 31 at St. Francis House.

