

3,563
Total Service Encounters
Medical, Dental, Vision, Pharmacy

767
Patients

273
New Patients

1,034
Medical Visits

42
Pairs of Eyeglasses

35
Eye Exam Vouchers

328
In-house Dental Visits

382
Point of Care Tests

142
Phlebotomy Draws

4
Diabetic Education Clinics

5
Footcare Clinics

5,610
Pharmacy Medication Fills
More 90 days fills for individuals with transportation issues.

\$293,149
CASH OPERATING EXPENSE

\$1.8 million
VALUE OF SERVICES

108
VOLUNTEERS

880
VOLUNTEER HOURS

256 PROVIDER HOURS



RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE
**BUILDING RESILIENCE
IN COMMUNITY HEALTH**

IN-KIND DONATIONS

\$50,000 TriState Health Medications

\$238,309 AmeriCares Medications and Supplies

BASIC IMAGING St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

\$12,000 Pathologist's Regional Laboratory

\$167,143 Direct Relief Medications & Medical Supplies

\$578,759 Community Medications & Medical Supplies



DONATED & REDIRECTED SUPPLIES TO:

- Asotin School District
- Clarkston Senior Center
- Community Action Food Bank
- Deary Food Bank
- Disability Action Center
- Hands for Hope in Nampa, ID
- LCSC Nursing Skills Lab

- Life Choices
- Lions Club
- Pure-Tone
- SafeNet Rx
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- WSU Veterinary School
- WWAMI Medical School Skills Lab

IMPACT STUDY: KEY FINDINGS

- Patients are experiencing the health benefits of integrated, wholistic and supportive care.
- SRCC patients express a greater degree of self-efficacy and sense of commitment regarding their health.
- Patients of SRCC believe that the clinic provides wholistic community-based care for underserved populations.
- SRCC patients become advocates for themselves and the community.
- The patients of SRCC feel acknowledged and affirmed through their interactions with SRCC providers and clinic staff.
- Patients identify that, when accessing specialty treatments, there are still significant barriers.

As climate change poses unprecedented challenges, healthcare facilities must adapt, especially in vulnerable communities facing environmental shifts. Snake River Community Clinic (SRCC) is leading this effort with two pivotal initiatives: Project Breathe and the Climate Resilience for Frontline Clinics project. Together, these programs empower underserved populations and enhance resilience against climate-related health impacts, particularly those stemming from increased wildfire activity.

THE INTERSECTION OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH

The Inland Northwest has seen a rise in wildfire activity, leading to significant health challenges. Smoke exposure disproportionately affects uninsured and low-income individuals, making respiratory conditions like asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) more prevalent.

As Elena Ateva, Director of Climate and Disaster Resilience at AmeriCares, points out, "Climate change does not affect all of us equally." A recent AmeriCares survey underscores this inequity: while over 80% of clinics experienced extreme weather disruptions, fewer than 20% felt prepared to respond. Recognizing this disparity, SRCC has committed to proactive measures to protect its community.

INTRODUCING PROJECT BREATHE

In response to the urgent health challenges posed by wildfire smoke, SRCC launched Project Breathe this summer. This comprehensive initiative supports individuals at high risk from smoke exposure by addressing prevention, education, diagnostics, and treatment.

Key components of Project Breathe include:

- Indoor Air Filtration:** Distributing 10 Corsi-Rosenthal Boxes to improve indoor air quality during wildfire events.
- Spirometry Diagnostics:** Acquiring an EasyOne Spirometry Machine for early detection and management of respiratory issues.
- Wildfire Preparedness:** Developing toolkits to guide patients on protecting their health during wildfire episodes.
- Training Programs:** Partnering with the American Lung Association to deliver education through initiatives like Breath Well, Live Well.
- Smoking Cessation Support:** Providing access to resources such as Project Filter and generic Chantix to help patients quit smoking.

In Asotin County alone, there are an estimated 1,849 adult asthma cases and 2,934 chronic lung disease cases, with Nez Perce County reporting similarly alarming statistics.

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Executive Director

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Some days at the clinic feel like drinking from a fire hose—so many people in need, so many hurting. During those moments, I think of the saying attributed to Confucius: “I was complaining that I had no shoes, and then I met a man with no feet.” It’s a reminder to shift our perspective, recognizing that while our struggles may feel overwhelming, others face even greater challenges. This perspective invites gratitude and humility, and it’s in that spirit that we approach the work we do here every day.

At the heart of our mission is empathy and understanding. Every volunteer and staff member embodies this in their dedication to serving our patients. I don’t express my gratitude for them nearly enough. Volunteers, donors, and our small but mighty team of staff are the lifeblood of the clinic. Together, we’re making a profound difference—one patient, one family, one community at a time.

When we treat someone’s ailment, it might be just enough to get them back on their feet and back to work. That job might be the key to pulling their family out of economic hardship. A little relief can help a parent find patience for their child, leading to better grades, greater confidence, and brighter futures. This is the ripple effect of whole-person healthcare. This is the gift that every volunteer and donor gives to our community.



WATCH THE ROGERS SUBARU SHARE THE LOVE EVENT VIDEO!



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EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HORIZON

We’re honored to have been chosen as the local charity for the Share the Love event at Rogers Subaru! For every car sold or leased, the clinic will receive a donation. This partnership couldn’t come at a better time, as rising healthcare costs make funding our services more challenging than ever. Being part of this event feels especially fitting—our clinic is a gift of love from the community, for the community.

SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

The holiday season is my favorite time of year. This year, with help from the students of Children’s House Montessori, we’re creating a “Wall of Hope” for our patients. Enclosed with this newsletter is an ornament where you can write a message of encouragement. These ornaments will adorn our clinic’s front lobby, offering a beautiful reminder that every patient is valued, belongs here, and is worthy of the love and support of this community. Thank you for being part of this journey.

CONTINUED: BUILDING RESILIENCE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH

- **Nursing and Outreach:** Allocating RN resources for patient follow-ups, management, and community education.

By focusing on the most vulnerable members of our community, Project Breathe not only improves respiratory health but also enhances overall well-being.

HARNESSING THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE TOOLKIT
Complementing Project Breathe, SRCC has integrated the Climate Resilience for Frontline Clinics Toolkit, developed by AmeriCares and Harvard’s Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment. This toolkit, grounded in three years of research and user feedback, equips clinics with actionable strategies to address climate-related health challenges. Through this resource, SRCC has strengthened its daily operations, ensuring readiness for immediate health needs and long-term climate emergencies.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR GREATER IMPACT
With nearly 24 years of service as a safety-net provider, SRCC continues to address emerging health challenges.

Partnerships with organizations like AmeriCares enhance the clinic’s ability to provide comprehensive care. Two SRCC medical providers have even completed certification through Harvard’s C-CHANGE program, positioning the clinic to address climate-related healthcare needs more effectively.

LOOKING AHEAD

Through Project Breathe and the Climate Resilience Toolkit, SRCC is at the forefront of community health resilience. These initiatives not only mitigate the health impacts of climate change and wildfire smoke but also foster a culture of preparedness and empowerment.

SRCC remains dedicated to improving the quality of life for its patients while paving the way for a healthier, more resilient future. Together with innovative programs and strong partnerships, we are creating a safer environment for all those we serve. Learn more about AmeriCares and climate change online at americares.org/climate-change.

A Season of Caring

Give the Gift of Health and Hope!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the generous donors and supporters who contribute to Snake River Community Clinic. Your support is the backbone of our ability to provide free services to those in need. It is because of the kindness and generosity of community members like you that the clinic can continue its mission of offering vital healthcare services without charge. Your commitment to our community’s well-being is truly appreciated, and we are grateful for the positive impact your contributions make on the lives of those we serve. Learn more about our services, and how you can support our mission, online at www.srccfreeclinic.org.

