

For Immediate Release:



VAFCC

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE AND CHARITABLE CLINICS

Virginia's Network of Free & Charitable Clinics Provided \$191 Million in Care *Virginia Association of Free & Charitable Clinics Releases Impact Report*

Richmond, VA. (January 31, 2019): Virginia's network of free and charitable clinics provided more than \$191 million in care to the Commonwealth in 2017, according to the newly released 2018 Impact Report from the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC).

VAFCC is dedicated to supporting, strengthening, and advocating for Virginia's free and charitable clinics as they deliver quality healthcare to Virginia's low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents. Their annual Impact Report is an important opportunity to highlight the substantial community contributions clinics make to improve Virginia's overall health and provide opportunities for all residents to have access to comprehensive quality healthcare.

In the past year VAFCC reported:

- 67,969 – Number of low-income, uninsured & underinsured adult patients treated in free clinics
- 219,046 – Number of medical visits (specialty and non-specialty) provided by free clinics
 - \$37,224, 516 – Value of those medical visits
- 42,039 – Number of dental visits provided by free clinics
 - \$14,499,820 – Value of those dental visits
- 24,335 – Number of mental health visits provided by free clinics
 - \$3,833,269 – Value of those mental health visits
- 616,427 – Number of 30 day (or less) quantities of prescription medications provided by free clinics
 - \$135,236,733 – Value of those prescription medications

In addition, Virginia's network of free and charitable clinics engaged 6,701 licensed healthcare professional volunteers and 4,561 lay or unlicensed volunteers to support clinic operations. They also leveraged \$109,651, 658 in donated lab and diagnostic services through partnerships with local hospitals and laboratories.

“Free and charitable clinics are a lifesaving investment and play an important role in safeguarding our state's sickest, most vulnerable, and voiceless group.” said VAFCC CEO Linda Wilkinson. “Our clinics make it possible for these patients to regain their health, care for their families, and contribute to their communities.”

By providing compassionate healthcare to Virginia's underserved populations, free and charitable clinics help patients remain healthy, reduce unnecessary visits to the emergency room and avoid missed time from work due to illness.

Facts about Free & Charitable Clinics:

- Primary mission is to provide a range of healthcare services to individuals who are uninsured or underinsured with limited incomes regardless of their ability to pay.
- Healthcare services are provided by utilizing volunteer healthcare providers along with staff providers.
- They are 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations or operate as a program component of one.

About VAFCC:

Founded in 1993 and headquartered in the Richmond, VAFCC is an effective advocate for the issues and concerns of free and charitable clinics, their volunteer workforce, and the patients served by free and charitable clinics through the Commonwealth. VAFCC's programs support free and charitable clinics across Virginia and advances the cause of underserved Virginians. To learn more about VAFCC, our clinics, and who they serve, visit www.VaFreeClinics.org.

###

For more information: Contact Rebecca Butler, Manager of Marketing, Communication, & Development at rbutler@vafreeclinics.org or 804-340-3434