

# ACORN Newsletter

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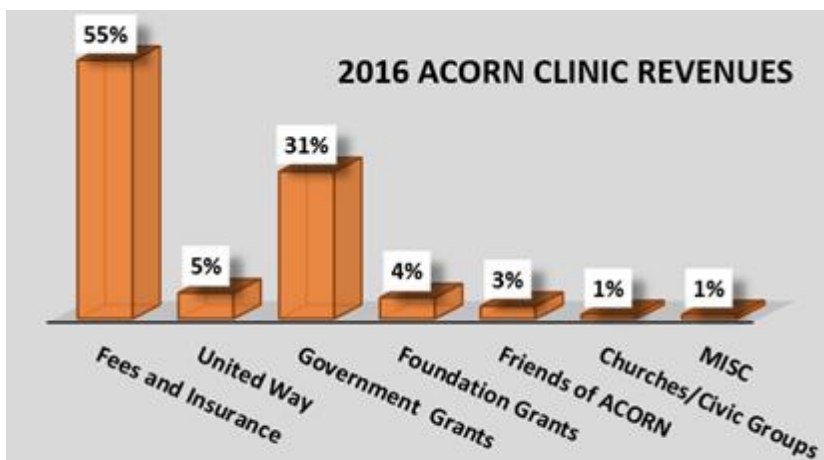
Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc. (dba ACORN Clinic) is a tax exempt 501(c) (3) organization registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (CH189).

**Our Volunteers Make It Happen!** A crucial portion of ACORN Clinic's success is our community volunteers. We celebrate a Volunteer of the Month in appreciation and recognition of their work at the Clinic. For their stories, see the Volunteer Tab on our website, acornclinic.org. Our special volunteers range from doctors and dentists to post-graduate students waiting to get into medical school to the women's group who sew stuffed teddy bears for our pediatric patients. Some of our special volunteers from the last year include Rebecca Uribe and *The Telephone Pioneers*.



Rebecca came to ACORN as a Santa Fe College Health Administration intern. Before ACORN, Rebecca was unaware of the disparities faced by marginalized groups in North Central Florida. Following her internship, Rebecca has continued volunteering at ACORN doing tabling events and other activities. Her experience has provided

Rebecca with a community of people whose hearts for helping others matched her own, while strengthening her newfound passion for health care administration. *The Telephone Pioneers* have helped combat frightening feelings during dental appointments at the ACORN Clinic through its Hug-A-Bear program for over a decade. Each month about 30 hand-made stuffed bears are donated to ACORN. The bears, offered in a wide array of seasonal cloth patterns, are lined up on the clinic counter during ACORN Dental Clinic's pediatric days. To encourage cooperation, children are allowed to select a bear after their appointment.



## 2016 ANNUAL STATISTICS



**938** UNIQUE PATIENTS SERVED  
239 NEW PATIENTS  
**4,527** MEDICAL VISITS



**2,135** UNIQUE PATIENTS SERVED  
926 NEW PATIENTS  
**5,079** DENTAL VISITS

We effectively expand our contribution to the community through time philanthropy with

**13,554** volunteer hours valued at **\$1.08 million**

AGE	Percentage
Under 21	15%
21-64	65%
65 +	20%

**87%** of patients WERE AT OR BELOW **150%** of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines

RACE	Percentage
White	67%
African American	23%
Hispanic & Other	10%

**\$1.02 million** PATIENTS RECEIVED IN DONATED MEDICINES & SUPPLIES



**3,073** UNIQUE PATIENTS FROM **25** COUNTIES

County	Percentage
Alachua	53%
Bradford	20%
Union	10%
Others	17%

# Keep Our ACORN Growing!

We have reached 76% of our goal, but we need your help to reach 100%. Your donation to our Capital Campaign can provide the following:

- \$500** Dental Handpiece
- \$1,000** Complete Computer Workstation
- \$5,000** Refurbished Patient Exam Room with recognition plaque
- \$7,500** Refurbished Medicine Room with recognition plaque
- \$10,000** New Well Tank and Piping
- \$15,000** New Dental Chair including Equipment with recognition plaque
- \$25,000** Replace Flooring in the Medical and Dental Clinics
- \$35,000** Replace Roof on the Medical and Dental Clinics

**Donate today! [ACORNCLINIC.ORG/CONTRIBUTE](https://ACORNCLINIC.ORG/CONTRIBUTE)**



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**DURING THE HOLIDAYS**, please donate to support our on-going operations and our Capital Campaign. Without your support we are not able to fulfil our mission.

**THANKS** to the thousands of individuals and organizations who have contributed time, talent, and treasure to make ACORN Clinic successful. You are truly Friends of ACORN!

**Mission:** To provide primary and preventive health services to individuals and families of rural north central Florida, regardless of ability to pay. ACORN Clinic provides high quality, affordable medical care, dental care, and social services by staff and volunteers. ACORN acts as a bridge between patients and community resources. In partnership with educational institutions, ACORN functions as an exemplary service learning site for health professionals.

**Vision:** ACORN Clinic strives to improve the health of rural communities in north central Florida through high-quality, patient-centered healthcare, community partnerships, service learning, and volunteerism.

**Core Values:** *Patient Centered* | *Collaborative* | *Healthy* | *Environmentally conscious* | *Community Involved* | *Welcoming*

**Become a Friend of ACORN**