

# ACORN Newsletter

## CLINIC



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## Grow With ACORN In 2016

Since its founding in 1974, ACORN has grown from a small group of volunteers to a full-service medical and dental clinic. In 2016, we invite you to grow with us again as we aim to make ACORN bigger and better than it's ever been before. We will be launching our second capital campaign with the goal to raise \$500,000 for present and future needs. It's been over 15 years since we launched our first capital campaign in 1999. This endeavor successfully raised over \$800,000 that has been put to good use ever since.

After over a decade of use by thousands of patients, our clinic has been well loved. ACORN's resources are showing signs of wear and our equipment needs updating. With this new campaign, our goal is update our space and technology to better serve our current patients and take on even more patients.

Some of the updates we hope to make in the future are:

- Expand the dental clinic's square footage and add dental chairs
- Replace dental chairs that are ripped and worn

- Update medical and dental equipment and technology
  - Replace flooring throughout the clinic
  - Repaint interior and exterior walls
  - Replace dated well
  - Re-roof, add insulation, and replace worn HVAC systems
  - Update signage including a digital street-side sign to provide health updates
- This campaign is still in the early planning stages, but we hope you'll stay tuned and consider donating to our cause. We'd love to have you grow with ACORN in 2016!



ACORN Clinic in the 1980's

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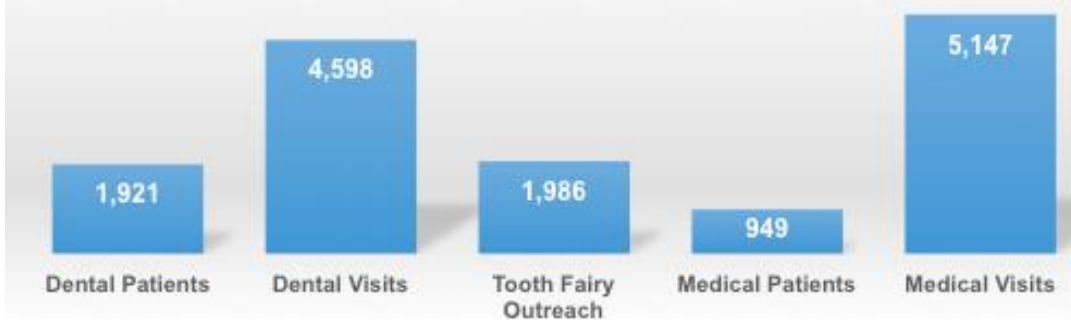
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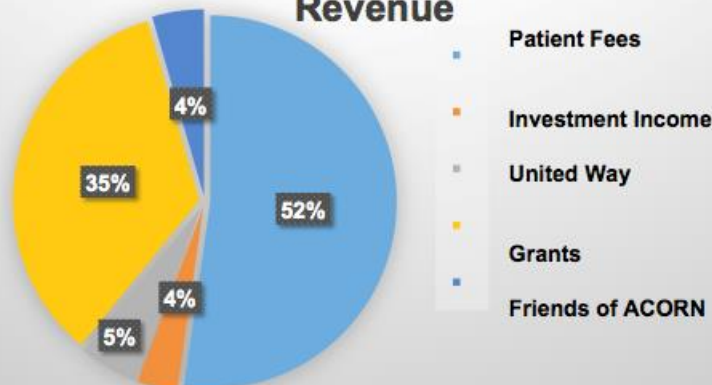
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### November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015



### Revenue



In 2014, ACORN Clinic leveraged OVER \$1.8 MILLION in donated volunteer time, medicines, and supplies exceeding our cash operating budget by 50%!



# Become a Friend of ACORN

During the holidays, please donate to our clinic in support of our ongoing operations. Visit our website at [www.acornclinic.org](http://www.acornclinic.org) or mail to: 23320 North SR 235 Brooker, FL 32622. THANK YOU!

**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 care, community partnerships, service learning, and volunteerism.

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



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## ACORN's Humble Heroes

Volunteers are vital to ACORN's success, and we're lucky enough to have two health professionals that have been with us for many years, Dr. John Meuleman and Dr. Chandrakant Dave.

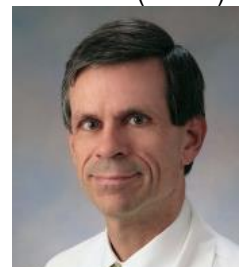
Dr. Meuleman began volunteering at ACORN Clinic in 1984 and made his way onto the board of directors within a year and a half. What has kept him with us for over 30 years is his passion for helping others and doing right by the community. "I think everyone who works at ACORN has the same intentions of helping those in need," Dr. Meuleman said. "If our patients didn't have low-cost options like ACORN, they'd be in trouble."

Dr. Dave has volunteered in our dental clinic for twenty years now. As a boy growing up in Africa, Dave did not have access to doctors or dentists. A Catholic mission trip to Tanzania was his first exposure to a dentist when he was 10 years old. This care inspired him to become a dentist. "I've seen too many people suffering," Dr. Dave said. "I love seeing people. They come in pain and once I've treated them, they give me a hug."

**We're thrilled to have these two doctors as a part of our ACORN Clinic family. Thank you for everything you do!**



Dr. Dave (center)



Dr. Meuleman