ACORN Clinic (Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc.) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization founded in 1974 providing healthcare mainly for residents of rural Alachua, Bradford, and Union Counties in North Central Florida. Our primary target is patients who are not insured or underinsured and cannot afford private insurance. We use a sliding scale to determine fees based on household income using Federal Poverty Guidelines. The Clinic fulfills its mission with the help of a broad-based core of health professionals in training and volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists, hygienists, and counselors. In addition to fees from patient care, ACORN receives funds from private and public sources including the United Way of North Central Florida; civic groups; churches; Alachua, Bradford and Union Counties; Florida Department of Health; Medicaid; Medicare; private insurance; foundations; and contributions from individual donors.

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.

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