



2024-25 Year in Review



**Ascension
DePaul Services**

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Cover photo: BMIKE Artwork/Sisters at Unveiling



Ascension DePaul Services, and Marillac Community Health Centers dba DePaul Community Health Centers in metro New Orleans and southern Arkansas, are pleased to present our 2024-25 Year in Review. We garnered several notable achievements in our ongoing quest to improve health outcomes for the populations we serve.

We were pleased to join forces with the National Association of Community Health Centers to advocate for the long term stability of Federally Qualified Community Health Centers. During the past fiscal year, DePaul celebrated 30-plus years of Ryan White Services funding in the New Orleans area, which supports our outreach efforts to persons impacted by HIV and AIDS.

In addition to providing high-quality and compassionate health care, we are proud of our passion and expertise for creating and participating in unique outreach programs for our community. Examples include The Reset Group, in which men meet bi-weekly to promote behavioral health, and providing both eye screenings and education for high school students at our Algiers health center.

DePaul is elated to have hired several medical professionals during 2024-25 who are increasing the numbers of patients we serve. Finally, we were blessed to garner numerous opportunities to promote our work via many media outlets.

Those represent a few of the highlights from the past fiscal year. Thank you in advance for reviewing our Year in Review and for your continued prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Griffin, MSPH, DSc, FACHE
President and CEO



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caring for you.**

Our Vision

The Vision of DePaul Community Health Centers is to improve the health status of the community. We will advance the long tradition of our health Ministry to everyone, especially the underserved, through the development of a values-driven organization dedicated to primary care and preventive health services, addressing the needs of the total individual – body, mind, and spirit.

Our Mission

The Mission of DePaul Community Health Centers is to improve the health and well-being of our community and to be a presence of the Love of Jesus in the lives of all we serve and with whom we partner.

Our Programs and Services

- Improve **ACCESS** to essential health and human services by breaking down long-standing barriers
- Elevate **PREVENTION** to be among the highest priorities of schools, churches, other community centers, and health care professionals
- Build **INTEGRATED SERVICES DELIVERY** through collaboration
- Inspire **PROFESSIONALS** to practice in underserved community settings through offering learning experiences in graduate medical education and the other healing and human development arts
- Advocate for healthy people and **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES** through public policy analysis, coalition leadership and participation, and model service delivery demonstrations

Our Work



Visual Artist Brandan "BMIKE" Odums, U.S. Congressman Troy Carter, and State and Local Elected Officials Celebrate the Unveiling of Artistic Murals at DCHC Algiers

DePaul celebrated the unveiling of its artistic murals, created by world renowned visual artist and Algiers, LA native, Brandan "BMIKE" Odums, at its Algiers health center located at 2801 General DeGaulle Drive. The murals represent both the legacy of the Daughters of Charity and the work of DePaul. Eight Daughters of Charity unveiled the murals alongside BMIKE and Dr. Michael Griffin, DePaul's President and CEO. U.S. Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. attended the event and expressed gratitude for the work of DePaul

and the Daughters of Charity, and thanked BMIKE for creating artistic pieces that represent the importance and impact of helping those in need. Louisiana District 102 Representative Delisha Boyd, New Orleans City Council President Jean-Paul "JP" Morrell, New Orleans City Councilman Freddie King III of District C, New Orleans Civil District Court Judge Veronica E. Henry, DePaul Board Members, and other local business and community leaders attended the ceremony to view the murals.



Artist Brandan "BMIKE" Odums



Infectious Disease Team Participates in Annual CCFBA Event

Members of DePaul's Infectious Disease outreach team participated in Kourtyard Karaoke, a fifth annual event coordinated by Concerned Citizens for A Better Algiers (CCFBA). The gathering, which purposely uses a "K" instead of a "C" for courtyard, gives participants of CCFBA's various programs an opportunity to enjoy a festive time and to fellowship. Many of CCFBA's clients are impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Eric Stovall, infectious disease operations manager, participated as a judge for the second consecutive year and provided prizes, courtesy of DePaul, to the winners of Kourtyard Karaoke. Ricardo Hernandez, case manager; Tavillcia Hyman, medical assistant; and Samuel Ramirez, physician assistant, provided various medical screenings for CCFBA's residents via DePaul's medical mobile unit, which appears at CCFBA twice per month.



DePaul Receives Award for its Commitment to the Community During and After Hurricane Katrina

DePaul was honored to receive the Magnolia Award, presented by the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), for exemplifying strength, resilience, and an enduring commitment to the New Orleans community during and after Hurricane Katrina. The award was presented at the National Society of Black Engineers' Professional Development Conference on the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, at the Marriott on Canal Street in New Orleans.

DePaul is humbled to receive this recognition, especially alongside the New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross of Louisiana.

DePaul's Kenner Pharmacy Opens

DePaul expanded access to care with the opening of its new on-site pharmacy at the Kenner location (3715 Williams Blvd., Suite 220).

The pharmacy operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing patients with convenient access to prescriptions and medication support as part of DePaul's comprehensive, patient-centered services.



DePaul and ADF Welcome LA Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser to Tulane University for a Lecture on Public Service

DePaul and Ascension DePaul Foundation (ADF) welcomed Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser to the Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business, where he gave insight to students on leadership and lessons he has learned from his career in both business and public service. The event was held as an informative session for Professor Elia Brodsky's Undergraduate Capstone Course and allowed students to discuss their projects with Lt. Governor Nungesser. Elia also serves as DePaul's Business Development Executive.

DePaul, which is supported by ADF, is one of the multiple non-profit organizations that students are partnering with for their Capstone Course, which challenges them to create efficient business strategies for local organizations. The event concluded with a networking session, allowing Lt. Governor Nungesser and his team to interact with Tulane students and faculty.





Inspire NOLA Students Receive Optometry Services at Algiers Health Center

Students from Dwight D. Eisenhower and Andrew H. Wilson Schools took a field trip to DePaul's Algiers location to have an appointment with optometrist Dr. Shaista Vally.

The students were referred to Dr. Vally by their respective school nurses after a health screening. While at DePaul, students were encouraged to engage in their appointments by asking questions regarding eye health.

The partnership with DePaul's Optometry Department and Inspire NOLA Schools is ongoing.



DePaul and Xavier University Collect 230 Medications on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

DePaul, along with Xavier University of Louisiana's College of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Fraternity Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Nu Chapter, participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, collecting a total of 230 medications, including 187 prescriptions and 43 over-the-counter items.

The event took place at DePaul's Carrollton (3201 S. Carrollton Avenue), New Orleans East (5630 Read Boulevard), and Algiers (2801 General DeGaulle Drive) locations.

Community members were invited to safely dispose of unwanted or expired medications, helping to promote environmental safety and prevent prescription misuse.

DePaul Participates in Roundtable Discussion about Improving Local Health Care

DePaul's President and CEO, Dr. Michael Griffin, and Vice President of Mission Integration, Matthew Picard, participated in a roundtable discussion with other local health care leaders about what can be done to improve the health care industry, particularly when it comes to acquiring and retaining excellent providers.

The event was organized and hosted by the Greater New Orleans Foundation. Dr. Griffin led the discussion among health care organizations such as Ochsner Health, InclusivCare and others.

"At DePaul Community Health Centers, we uphold our founders', the Daughters of Charity's Mission to train up the next generation of health care providers," said Dr. Griffin. "As leaders in health care, we need to create priorities and make a list of action items that will help all our organizations thrive in the ever-changing health care industry, and that includes inspiring and working with providers."

Behavioral Health Department Creates "The RESET Group"

DePaul's behavioral health department developed "The RESET Group" to create a circle of support, trust and a sense of community for men who receive Behavioral Health Services from DePaul. The men met bi-weekly to share life experiences, success stories, and to support their "brothers" in achieving goals and in knowing they are not alone. The group sessions received positive feedback from participants and another cohort will take place in the future.



DePaul Recognized for its Work in Supporting Patients' Heart Health

DePaul received an American Heart Association outpatient program achievement award in recognition for its commitment to reducing the risk of heart disease and strokes by improving blood pressure management.

The outpatient achievement awards programs help put the expertise of the American Heart Association to work for health care organizations nationwide, helping ensure the care provided to patients is aligned with the latest evidence and research-based guidelines.

Associates Participate in Sista Strut 2025

More than 100 DePaul associates participated in Sista Strut 2025, a 3k breast cancer awareness walk. The annual event was held at New Orleans City Park. It is known for encouraging community members to have a good time while increasing breast cancer awareness, promoting early detection and the search for a cure, and recognizing the strength of survivors, along with their families and friends.



DePaul Advocates for Community Health Centers on Capitol Hill

DePaul joined with the National Association of Community Health Centers' (NACHC) Policy & Issues (P&I) Forum and the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) at Capitol Hill to meet the entire Louisiana Congressional Delegation to advocate for community health centers.

DePaul's President and CEO Dr. Michael Griffin, who is also Board President of LPCA, DePaul's Advocacy Chief Julie Henderson, and other leaders, advocated for increased health center funding, a stronger workforce, long-term stability for the 340B Program, which helps patients pay for medication they can't afford, and more.



DePaul Sees Increase in Optometry Imaging Patients

DePaul's Optometry Department imaged 88% more patients in 2024 compared to 2023. The totals imaged included 1,130 patients in 2024 compared to 600 patients in 2023. DePaul utilizes RetinaVue, a smart camera that offers an automated retinal imaging experience featuring auto-alignment, auto-focus and auto-capture for imaging.



DePaul Participates in City of New Orleans' Celebration of 30+ Years of Ryan White Services and Resources

DePaul, along with other local organizations and businesses, joined Bounce to Zero to celebrate 30-plus years of Ryan White Services and Resources (RWSR) in the New Orleans area. The event took place at Gallier Hall in New Orleans on HIV Survivors Day.

For more than three decades, RWSR has been a lifeline for people living with HIV in the New Orleans region. Since the early 1990s, the program has established a strong network of care, linking community members to medical services, housing support, and vital resources.

Our Associates



Remembering Dr. Sandra Robinson

DePaul continues to mourn the loss of beloved pediatrician Dr. Sandra Robinson. Dr. Robinson passed away on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. During her time at DePaul, fellow associates were blessed to witness her exceptional ability to deliver compassionate health care to both children and adolescents.

Throughout her career, Dr. Robinson proved to be an influential health care professional by serving as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources for the State of Louisiana, Interim Director and Deputy Director for the New Orleans Health Department, Co-Director of Medical Services to 900 special needs patients housed in the Superdome during Hurricane Katrina, and so much more.

Dr. Robinson touched the lives of many, especially the DePaul associates she worked closely with at the H3C/Central City location (1300 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., Suite B).



DePaul's Infectious Disease Operations Manager Receives SHAAD Community Leader Award

DePaul's Infectious Disease Operations Manager, Eric Stovall (*far right*), was honored with the Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Community Leader Award for his efforts in preventing and addressing HIV/AIDS in the community.

Eric was recognized at the Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Impact Award Ceremony at the New Orleans African American Museum in New Orleans.

DePaul's First Two Dental Residents Graduate from its Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program

DePaul's first two dental residents, Dr. Teosha Craighead (*left*) and Dr. Maria Nunez (*centered*), completed their residencies through the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program. They began the program when it was established two years ago, in partnership with NYU Langone, to align with DePaul's goal to train the next generation of health care professionals.

DePaul's residency program provides recent graduates the opportunity to work closely with DePaul's dentists and to sharpen their social and technical skills when serving patients. Some of the services residents perform includes comprehensive exams and diagnosis, deep cleanings, dental radiographs, endodontic procedures, extractions, fluoride treatments and more.



DePaul Welcomes New Team Members



Dr. Mary Beth Alvarez
Medical Director of Behavioral Health



Sister Louise Busby
Chaplain



Shani Campbell
Nurse Practitioner



Dr. Nicole Kerley-McGuire
Pediatrician



Dr. Jennifer O'Sullivan
Pediatrician



Dr. Brett Phillips
Pediatrician



Danielle Ragsdale
Nurse Practitioner



Dr. Genesis Ricard
Pediatrician



Darielle Santiago
Nurse Practitioner



Kimberly Sullivan
Nurse Practitioner (Arkansas)



Dr. Emily Vigour
Pediatrician



Carlene White, RN
Chief Nursing Officer



Dr. April Johnson Dumas Named Health Care Hero

DePaul's Behavioral Health Specialists Manager, Dr. April Johnson Dumas, LCSW-BACS, has been named a 2025 Health Care Hero by *New Orleans CityBusiness*. Health Care Heroes honors health care nurses, physicians, professionals, and volunteers in the New Orleans area for their industry achievements and community involvement.



Terrence Williams Recognized by NOPD for Outstanding Service

Community Health Navigator (CHN) Terrence Williams received a Certificate of Appreciation from the New Orleans Police Department's Fourth District for his continued involvement in community-focused activities that strengthen relationships, expand access to health resources, and support overall neighborhood well-being.

Associates Participate in the Ascension 5k Walk and Run

Associates and their loved ones enjoyed the annual Ascension 5K Walk & Run at Edna Karr High School in Algiers. Ascension organizations nationwide participated to promote healthy living and camaraderie among associates.



Associates Celebrate Employee Appreciation Day

DePaul celebrated its associates with crawfish boils. DePaul Arkansas celebrated at the Dumas Farmers Market, and DePaul New Orleans celebrated at New Orleans City Park. Associates enjoyed crawfish with all the fixings, fried fish, chicken and more from Johnny's Seafood and Cajun Connection. Games, photos by The Happy Photo Booth, and arts and crafts were also available for the associates to enjoy.



The Blessing of Hands: Observing National Spiritual Care Week

As part of National Spiritual Care Week, DePaul celebrated the spiritual aspect of healing and service with a meaningful "Blessing of the Hands" ceremony.

DePaul's Chaplain, Sister Louise Busby, offered a special blessing to associates, recognizing the healing work their hands perform each day in service to patients and the community.

Media Appearances



DePaul's Executive Director Talks Social Determinants of Health on WBOK Radio

DePaul's Executive Director, Stephenie Marshall, appeared as a guest on WBOK-AM 1230 AM's show, *The Way Forward*. Stephenie spoke with the show's host, Eddie Francis, about social determinants of health and how they can prevent someone from having great health.

"It could be working conditions, the lack of housing, utilities, food...we need to look at what can be changed, what resources are available, and how we can connect those pieces to turn those factors around," said Stephenie. "And that's what we're doing at DePaul Community Health Centers."



Potential Tariffs Could Impact Medications

DePaul was highlighted in a NBC/WDSU-TV news story examining how potential pharmaceutical tariffs could affect medication costs and availability.

The report identified DePaul as a trusted community resource, noting its pharmacy services, prescription assistance programs, and acceptance of Medicare, Medicaid, and most major insurance plans. The coverage reinforced DePaul's ongoing commitment to protecting access to affordable medications for the patients and families it serves.



Louisiana's Community Health Clinics Brace For Medicaid Cuts (Louisiana Illuminator)

DePaul was highlighted as a key provider serving a growing Medicaid population in Louisiana Illuminator's report examining potential cuts to Medicaid funding in the state. Before Louisiana expanded Medicaid in 2016, DePaul served about 20,000 patients. As enrollment increased, the number of patients at DePaul more than doubled, with most today covered by Medicaid, according to comments from President and CEO, Michael Griffin. The article noted concerns that proposed reductions to Medicaid funding could increase the number of uninsured residents.



Mental Health Awareness Month: Healthy Ways to Cope with Stress

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, Dione Joseph-Breckenridge, DePaul's School-Based Behavioral Health School Clinician Manager, appeared on CBS/WVL-TV to discuss healthy coping strategies and highlight how DePaul supports patients in achieving improved mental health and overall well-being.



How to Prepare Your Medications for 2025 Hurricane Season

ABC/WGNO-TV published a story with expert advice from pharmacist Dr. LaChandra McGowan on preparing medications for hurricane season, including tips on keeping prescriptions safe and accessible during severe weather.

Evacuating Can be Hard and Dangerous. Could Louisiana Build Temporary Travel Lanes for Relief?

DePaul was featured in Verite News' report on Louisiana's hurricane evacuation challenges, with Pharmacy Director Dr. Raymond Strong highlighting how evacuation-related stress can worsen chronic conditions such as asthma, hypertension, cancer, and HIV. He stressed the importance of advance planning to reduce anxiety and protect patients' health during storm season.



Champions FORE Health Golf Tournament Previewed on Great Day Louisiana

DePaul was featured on CBS/WVL-TV's *Great Day Louisiana*, where Vice President of Mission Integration Matthew Picard joined the show's host, Malik Mingo, on set for a golf challenge while discussing DePaul's Champions FORE Health Golf Tournament. The segment highlighted the tournament's role in supporting DePaul's Mission and engaging community partners while advancing health care.

Give Kids a Smile Day Previewed on FOX 8 Morning Edition

Leading up to this year's *Give Kids a Smile Day*, DePaul's Chief Dental Officer Dr. Aleena Shahiryar appeared on FOX 8/WVUE-TV to share the importance of early dental care and invite families to participate in the annual event.

The event provided free dental screenings and fluoride treatments for children ages 1–10 at DePaul's Carrollton location.



Community Outreach



DePaul Provides Free Foot and Eye Screenings in Honor of World Diabetes Day

DePaul hosted its annual World Diabetes Day event, offering free foot inspections, vision screenings, giveaways, and diabetes education to community members at its New Orleans East location (5630 Read Blvd.) Eighty (80) individuals participated in the screenings.



DePaul Creates Baskets of Hope During Superbowl Week

Associates served as volunteers to help create and fill 1,600 "Baskets of Hope" gifts and totes for families of critically ill children during Super Bowl LIX week in New Orleans. Once the baskets were filled, Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs players delivered them to 800 local families.

DIEEP and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Beta Omega Chapter Host "Nourishing HERstory: Nutrition, Women, & History" Event

DePaul's Infant Empowerment and Education Program (DIEEP) and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Beta Omega Chapter, hosted a panel discussion at Salon 22 in New Orleans. The event focused on women's overall health, prenatal and postnatal care, mental health and more.

The panel included community leaders such as LaVerne Toombs, Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell, Dr. Takesha Charles Davis, Dr. April Johnson-Dumas, Dr. Tyra T. Gross, MPH, and Dr. Victoria Williams.

Attendees also enjoyed food and live music by local musician Wynton Thomas, and received information from local vendors that support mothers. At the end of the evening, DIEEP presented multiple awards to community leaders who have made a difference in maternal care.





DePaul Participates in Local Back-to-School Giveaway

DePaul partnered with Jambalaya News to host a Back-to-School event for local families at Apostolado Hispano in Metairie. DePaul provided free blood pressure, dental and vision screenings at the event. Children also received backpacks filled with school supplies, snacks and more.



DePaul Celebrates Grandparents and Promotes Wellness at Algiers Health Center

DePaul's Algiers location (2801 General DeGaulle Drive) hosted a health care event that celebrated grandparents and promoted ways to encourage overall wellness.

The free community event brought together seniors and their families for a day filled with music, food, door prizes, and line dancing classes. Guests also received free boxes of fresh produce from Louisiana Blue and Top Box Foods.

In addition to the festivities, attendees had the opportunity to learn about DePaul's health services, including primary care, dental care, optometry, and in-house pharmacy services.



DIEEP Promotes Postpartum Health at the Women's Leadership Conference

DePaul's Infant Empowerment and Education Program (DIEEP) participated in the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce's Women's Leadership Conference at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The team provided conference attendees information about maternal and paternal mental health, postpartum depression resources, support and more.

DePaul Hosts a Date with Dad

DePaul's Infant Empowerment and Education Program (DIEEP), Crescent City Family Services, Seven Star Academy Inc. and TrainingGrounds hosted the Second Annual *A Date with Dad* event at Xavier University of Louisiana's Grand Ballroom (1 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, LA 70125). The free event was open to all fathers and father figures.



This year's theme, *Strong Fathers, Strong Families, Strong City*, highlighted the vital role fathers play in building strong families and fostering a thriving community. Participants engaged in panel discussions covering important topics such as paternal mental health, defining fatherhood, career development, the impact of education on parenthood, financial literacy, and more.

The event also featured local vendors, such as Total Community Action, Aetna, Hope Credit Union and more. Every father received a healthy lunch and a barber shop voucher. Other prizes, such as a flat screen tv, grills, a PS5, gym memberships and more, were also raffled off at the event.

DePaul Community Health Centers Arkansas



DePaul Attends Community Health Worker Summit

Associates De'Shawn Lewis and Jan Stephenson attended the Arkansas Community Health Worker (CHW) Association's Annual Summit in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The summit covered how to integrate CHW's into team-based care, various resources in Arkansas, ways to improve health outcomes with CHWs, and more.

Attendees also learned about Arkansas Act 435, which was developed to create and support the Community Health Worker Act and establish a statewide certification for CHWs in Arkansas.



Vice President Named "Woman of the Year"

The Dumas Chamber of Commerce named DePaul Arkansas' Vice President of Operations, Lisa Goodgame, the 2025 Dumas Lions Club's Woman of the Year.

Lisa received the honor at the Chamber's 11th Annual Corn Supper.



Vice President of Operations Selected as Dumas Chamber of Commerce Board Member

DePaul Arkansas' Vice President of Operations, Lisa Petty Goodgame, has been selected to be a Board Member of the Dumas Chamber of Commerce. Lisa's role on the board will last for three years.

Arkansas Locations

DCHC – GOULD

407 South Gould Avenue
Gould, AR 71643
870-382-3080

DCHC – DUMAS

145 West Waterman Street
Dumas, AR 71639
870-382-3080

WELLNESS CENTER

405 South Gould Avenue
Gould, AR 71643
(870) 263-4748

ADMINISTRATION

161 South Main Street
Dumas, AR 71639
(870) 382-3080



DePaul Recognized by Dumas High School's Football Booster Club

DePaul Arkansas was honored by the Dumas High School's Football Booster Club, receiving a certificate of appreciation for their sponsorship and support of the school's athletic programs.

This recognition reflects DePaul's ongoing commitment to investing in youth, strengthening community partnerships, and supporting local students both on and off the field.

DePaul Brings Health Awareness to Merry Main Street

Associates participated in the Annual Merry Main Street celebration in Dumas. During the event, staff connected with local families, shared information about available health care services, and answered questions about primary care, preventive screenings, and more.





Ascension DePaul Foundation

New Orleans



Dear Friends and Supporters of Ascension DePaul Foundation and DePaul Community Health Centers,

With sincere gratitude, we thank our generous donors, dedicated partners, committed supporters, providers, and staff for your unwavering support of DePaul Community Health Centers. Your philanthropy and partnership make it possible for us to provide affordable, high-quality health care to the individuals and families who depend on us every day.

For more than 192 years, DePaul has been a trusted healthcare provider across Greater New Orleans. Today, through our 13 clinic locations, our team continues to deliver compassionate, accessible, and affordable care to those most in need. Our mission remains clear: to enhance community health by meeting people where they are and reducing barriers to care.

Philanthropy plays a vital role in advancing this mission. The Fund Development Department works diligently to secure the resources that sustain and expand our impact through signature initiatives such as the *Keeping Our Promises Gala*, the *Champions FORE Health Golf Tournament*, *Give Kids a Smile*, holiday outreach efforts, and strategic community partnerships. The funds raised through these efforts allow DePaul to strengthen programs, enhance services and technology, upgrade facilities, and, most importantly, ensure care is provided regardless of a patient's ability to pay.

We sincerely thank Quest Diagnostics for their consistent leadership and generosity as a sponsor of our gala and golf tournament over the past three years. Their ongoing support demonstrates a mutual dedication to improving community health throughout our region.

We are also deeply grateful to the Ascension DePaul Foundation's Board of Directors for their visionary leadership, advocacy, and faithful stewardship of our mission. In addition, we honor our physicians, providers, and staff whose daily compassion and professionalism represent the very heart of DePaul's work.

As the need for accessible health care continues to grow, our collective commitment becomes even more important. Philanthropic support remains essential to sustaining and expanding the high-quality, compassionate care our communities deserve.

Collectively, we are addressing current needs while also enhancing the long-term health and sustainability of our region for future generations.

With gratitude,

LaVerne Toombs

Executive Director of Fund Development



LaVerne Toombs
*Executive Director of Fund
Development*

Introduction

As a nonprofit Catholic health ministry, Ascension DePaul Services (ADS) and DePaul Community Health Centers (DCHC) are deeply committed to improving the health and well-being of the residents we serve. Through our network of 13 community health center locations, we provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality care to thousands of individuals and families each year.

Our impact extends well beyond clinic walls. By collaborating with mission-aligned organizations and community partners, we address the broader social and health needs that influence outcomes in our region. Together, these partnerships strengthen our ability to remove barriers to care, expand vital resources, and create healthier, more resilient communities for those who need us most.

GivingTuesday: Supporting the Seton Medication Fund

Each year, DePaul Community Health Centers participates in GivingTuesday, the Global Day of Generosity that follows the Thanksgiving holiday. This special campaign directly supports the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medication Fund, which provides critical financial assistance for patients who cannot afford their prescription medications.

For many individuals and families living below the poverty line, the high cost of medications, particularly for chronic conditions, remains a significant barrier to maintaining good health. The Seton Medication Fund serves as a vital lifeline, helping patients access the medications they need to manage their conditions, stay on track with their care plans, and avoid preventable complications.

Through the generosity of donors, Giving Tuesday continues to strengthen this essential safety net and ensures that cost is not a barrier to healing.



GiveNOLA Day: Community-Powered Impact

DePaul Community Health Centers is also proud to participate in *GiveNOLA Day*, the Greater New Orleans region's largest day of local giving. This community-wide movement mobilizes supporters across the region to invest in the health and well-being of their neighbors.

Funds raised through *GiveNOLA Day* help DePaul expand access to affordable, high-quality healthcare services, enhance patient support programs, and respond to emerging community health needs. Each gift, no matter what the size, represents a collective commitment to building healthier, stronger communities throughout the region.

Together, *Giving Tuesday* and *GiveNOLA Day* demonstrate the powerful impact of community-driven philanthropy in advancing DePaul's mission.

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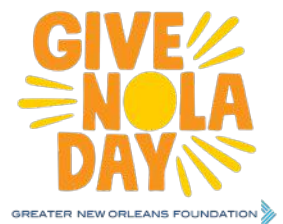
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Honoring Our Legacy: 11th Annual Keeping Our Promises Gala

The *Keeping Our Promises Gala* remains a cornerstone celebration of our Mission and legacy in New Orleans. Each year, this signature event brings our community together to reflect on past successes while looking ahead with excitement and purpose.

As our largest annual fundraiser, the generosity of our sponsors and guests helps ensure that every member of our community can receive high-quality care at DePaul Community Health Centers, regardless of their ability to pay.

The 11th Annual *Keeping Our Promises Gala*, presented by Quest Diagnostics, was held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. Guests enjoyed an elegant evening of dining, dancing, and live entertainment by Royal Essence.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Inspire Cross Award, Ascension DePaul Foundation's distinguished honor recognizing key partners who advance our mission of service and compassionate care.

The 2025 Inspired Cross recipients included Phyllis M. Taylor, State Senator Royce Duplessis, attorney Robert Angelico, and

Annual Holiday Family Support Giveaway

DePaul Community Health Centers (DCHC) proudly hosted its annual Holiday Toy and Healthy Food Giveaway, bringing joy and essential support to approximately 800 children and families across our community. Through this impactful outreach, families received toys, nutritious meals, and access to select health resources during the holiday season.

This meaningful effort was made possible through the generous collaboration of community partners, including Toys for Tots, Total Community Action, UnitedHealthcare, the Alpha Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and the University of New Orleans' Upward Bound Program. Together, these partners helped ensure that families not only experienced the spirit of the holidays but also received critical support services that advance health and well-being.

Events like this reflect DCHC's ongoing commitment to meeting families where they are, providing compassionate care, community connection, and resources that strengthen the overall health of the communities we serve.





Give Kids A Smile Day 2025

At our Carrollton site, DePaul Community Health Centers once again celebrated *Give Kids A Smile Day*, delivering complimentary dental screenings and fluoride treatments to local children. Our highly skilled dentists and dental assistants focused on the importance of preventive care while families enjoyed games, balloon art, face painting, and lively entertainment.

Access to preventive dental care is essential for children’s long-term health, helping reduce pain, missed school days, and future complications. We thank our generous sponsors and partners whose support made this impactful day possible.



DePaul Community Health Centers “Champions Fore Health” Golf Tournament

The “Champions Fore Health” annual golf tournament is a premier community and fundraising event that brings together golfers, corporate partners, including our presenting sponsor Quest Diagnostics, vendors, and community champions for a day of purpose-driven competition and connection. Held at the beautiful Bayou Oaks at City Park, it creates a dynamic platform to engage supporters while advancing DePaul’s Mission.

Proceeds and sponsorship support from the tournament help expand access to high-quality, affordable healthcare for underserved communities across our region. Beyond the fairways, the event strengthens strategic partnerships, elevates community visibility, and reinforces DePaul’s ongoing commitment to its healing ministry and improving health outcomes for the patients and families we serve.



Health Center Impact



45,772 medical patients served
186,765 total patient visits
142,172 medical in-person visits
44,593 medical virtual patient visits



Created **664** total jobs
378 health center jobs
286 other jobs in the community



Amassed **\$86.9 million** savings to the overall health system
\$62.2 million savings to Medicaid
24% lower costs for health center Medicaid patients



\$64,525.82 inpatient medication assistance
98.1% of patients are low income
30.9% of patients are children and adolescents



88.7% of patients identify as an ethnic or racial minority



25,776 Behavioral health patient visits

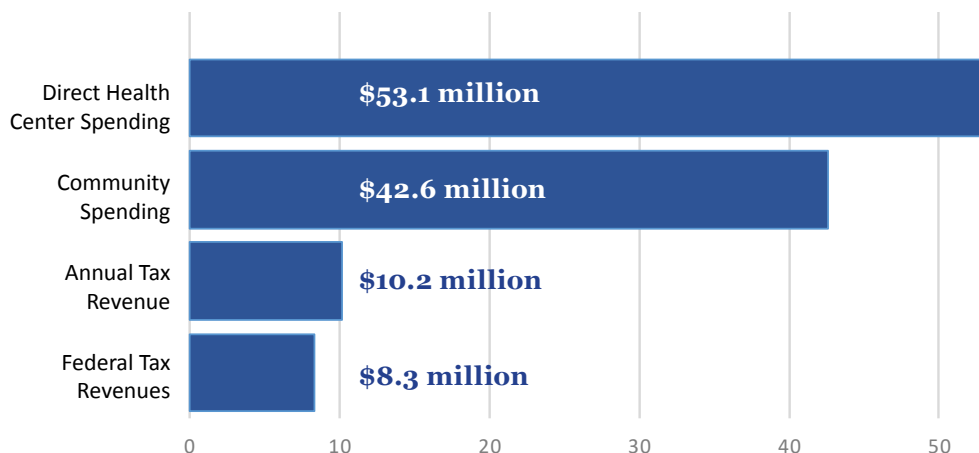


14,123 Dental patient visits

3,541 Optometry patient visits



Generated a \$95.7 million total economic impact of current operations





Financials

This is a Year in Review report of Ascension DePaul Services and Marillac Community Health Centers dba DePaul Community Health Centers, detailing Fiscal Year 2024-25. Together, the two entities have a shared Mission of improving the health and well-being of the greater New Orleans community.

Ascension DePaul Services:

Current Assets	\$24,394,789
Non-Current Assets	\$61,878,008
Current Liabilities.....	\$6,195,576
Non-Current Liabilities.....	\$35,305,511
Total Net Assets	\$44,771,711
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support Without Donor Restriction.....	\$44,556,218
Total Operating Expenses	\$42,719,674

Marillac Community Health Centers dba DePaul Community Health Centers:

Current Assets	\$20,987,638
Non-Current Assets	\$4,125,519
Current Liabilities.....	\$6,738,971
Non-Current Liabilities	1,879,039
Total Net Assets	\$16,495,145
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support Without Donor Restriction.....	\$63,571,326
Total Operating Expenses	\$61,459,904



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