



MLK Health Center & Pharmacy Overview

MLK Health Center & Pharmacy is a private non-profit, charitable health clinic, and pharmacy that provides patient-centered comprehensive primary healthcare and pharmacy services at **no cost** to uninsured individuals and families in Northwest Louisiana. We serve patients with chronic illness who otherwise would forgo routine medical care due to lack of resources. ***We do not receive insurance reimbursement payments or federal/state funding to provide health care services.***

- The MLK Health Center was founded in 1985 by then LSUHSC School of Medicine Resident, Dr. Robert H. Jackson and the late Sister Margaret McCaffrey as a healthcare safety net to prevent and manage chronic disease in our community.
- MLK Health Center holds the **first Charitable Pharmacy permit issued by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.**
- MLK Health Center leverages volunteer support, private donors, and grant funding to provide more than \$14 million* in services to over 1,500 patients annually and the need continues to grow.
- MLK Health Center provides services in both **English** and **Spanish**

The MLK Health Center Serves as a Vital Resource to the Medical Education Community

- Students from NSU College of Nursing and LSUHSC School of Medicine and School of Allied Health Professions gain valuable experience in the delivery of health care to medically vulnerable patients.
- Centenary and LSUS students also benefit from the unique learning environment we provide.
- Our patient services make us a valuable clinical laboratory for many degree programs.

Primary Services

- Primary Healthcare, Laboratory, & Pharmacy
- Diabetic, Respiratory, Cardiac, HIV/AIDS & Geriatric Specialty Clinics
- Women's Health Program
- Patient Advocacy/Medical Case Management
- STI / HIV Testing
- Night and Weekend Appointment Times

Building a Better Recipe for Life: Wellness Programs

- CDC Diabetes Prevention Program
- Living Well with Diabetes ADA Recognized Self-Management Program
- Smoking Cessation Program
- Fresh and Fast Healthy Eating Interactive Lesson
- Get Moving For Life Interactive Lesson
- Gardening for Health Interactive Lesson

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**ROI: The costs vs. benefits of the Martin Luther King Health Center program resulting from combined benefits from reduced emergency department visits and hospitalization; savings from centralizing health care services for uninsured patient; inflow of resources into the community, and improved quality of life.*