SHARING Clinics

- Opened on Sept. 9, 1997, in order to provide primary health care to underprivileged populations in south Omaha.
- Began as a medical student’s vision of the need for quality care among Omaha’s underserved.
- Formed with the help of a small group of medical and nursing students under the guidance of Jim Medder, M.D., a UNMC family physician.

Today, the SHARING organization oversees five clinics:

SHARING Clinic (Student Health Alliance Reaching Indigent Needy Groups)

- Started Sept. 9, 1997
- Located at UNMC Specialty Care Center, 804 S. 52nd St.
- Open 5:30 – 7 p.m. on Tuesdays
- Services provided – general health care for children and adults
- Phone: 402-559-2666

RESPECT (Responsible Early STD Prevention Education and Community Testing)

- Started in 2001
- Located at Baker Place, 5050 Ames Ave.
- Open 5:30 – 7 p.m. on Mondays
- Services provided – testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), HIV testing and counseling
- Phone: 402-595-2280

GOODLIFE (Greater Omaha Outreach for Diabetes Lifestyles Impacting Fitness and Education)

- Started in 2002.
- Located at Baker Place, 5050 Ames Ave.
- Open 5:30 – 7 p.m. on second Wednesday of each month
- Services provided – treatment of type II diabetes
- Phone: 402-595-2280

VISION

- Started in 2011.
- Located at UNMC Truhlsen Eye Institute, 3902 Leavenworth St.
- Open 1 – 3:30 p.m. on first Wednesday of each month
- Services provided – ophthalmology, diabetic eye screenings
- Phone: 402-559-2020
SHARING Dental

• Started in 2008.
• Located at UNMC College of Dentistry, 40th & Holdredge, Lincoln
• Hours vary; clinics are held quarterly in April, June, September & November
• Services provided – routine dental care, including: prevention (cleanings), extractions & restorations
• Phone: 402-472-1341

Facts about SHARING Clinics:

• Since its creation, the clinic has utilized the services of more than 500 volunteers.
• Sees more than 1,400 patients per year.
• More than 30 UNMC faculty members regularly volunteer their time to preceptor students.
• Have 150 volunteer translator shifts filled each year.
• Patients who wish to be seen must demonstrate financial need meeting 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Line.
• Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are accepted and every patient is seen whether-or-not they are able to pay the requested co-pay of $10 per visit.
• Board of student administrators is composed of approximately 20 medical, nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant, medical family therapy, dietetic, physical therapy, and clinical laboratory science students who work together to run the clinic along with a group of advisors, including family physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, family therapy, clinical laboratory science, physical therapy, medical nutrition, and pharmacy faculty.
• Has strong tradition of interdisciplinary care with complete representation of all graduate health care students at UNMC. In the fall of 2005 the clinics added respiratory therapy and physical therapy.

SHARING Clinics Awards/Recognition:

• The Department of Health and Human Services awarded the Secretary’s Award for Innovations in Health in its interdisciplinary category.
• The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), in collaboration with Pfizer Inc., and its Medical Humanities Initiative, presented the SHARING Clinics with a grant to expand its services to treat sexually transmitted diseases and infections among Omaha’s uninsured and medically underserved.
• The SHARING Clinics have been instrumental in other awards received by UNMC for care of those in need.
• Gov. Dave Heineman designated a week in April 2013 as SHARING Week in Nebraska.