Donors of 2020

With your help at the Annual Fundraiser Gala, we were able to raise $70,000 for Free Clinic—a feat that we could not even imagine accomplishing this year. We are also grateful to say that we have also received an incredibly generous gift from The T. Denny Sanford Institute for Empathy and Compassion. To every individual and organization who donated this year, thank you—your generosity in hard times has humbled us all.

Class of 2020 Donation

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2020 for graduating! Because of COVID, the Class of 2020 could not have the full graduation ceremony that they deserved and were reimbursed with the money that would have been used. While keeping the money to help in these trying times was expected and valid, many of them donated this money directly to Free Clinic. Thank you Class of 2020, we truly cannot wait to see the good you bring into this world.

Free Clinic News

During our annual fundraiser, "Light Up the Night," a touching and honest video made by a few medical students was shared, and it can now be viewed on our Youtube channel. We are continuing our efforts to create an archive of memories from the generations of Free Clinic, which Andrew Chang, the MS1 leading this project addresses in his note:

"Thank you for spending time with us at Light Up the Night to reflect and celebrate our collective Free Clinic journeys. If you would like to add your own video reflection about your Free Clinic experiences to our website, please find instructions here. All are welcome! Thank you and happy sharing!"

The Fundraiser committee and the greater Free Clinic community would also like to address the recent and ongoing events in our nation and the world. Coming together for Clinic means something different than it ever has before. As we gather, a few in person while most remotely, we take time to honor our commitment to Free Clinic’s founding tenets: Empowerment, a Humanistic approach to healthcare, our Transdisciplinary model, and most importantly, seeing the patients and Community as our teachers.

We believe now more than ever in the truth of these tenets and trust that through the collective pain we are experiencing, and the power of our communities as our teachers, we will continually empower one another to authentically come together as fellow humans.

The UCSD Student Run Free Clinic Project has always been honored to partner with the community—to provide not only free health care, but also empowerment. We now recognize that we can do more. Free Clinic pledges to continue to learn and actively develop its role in the Black Lives Matter movement to dismantle systemic racism in the pursuit of racial and social justice. We must individually and collectively work to embody anti-racism in our beliefs and actions.

We thank each and every one of you for being a part of the Free Clinic Family and standing in hope with us—hope that the world can be better; hope that the world must be better. Our hearts are united with all of yours, and we look forward to coming together again soon.

Skaggs School of Pharmacy Contributions

We want to also give a special recognition to the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Every year Pharmacy contributes to Free Clinic in various generous ways, and this year they have been working to provide each UCSD clinic with PPE supplies such as gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, and wipes. They have also been purchasing and delivering healthy and sustainable food items such as eggs and fruit for clinic patients in need.