

BATON ROUGE



2023 Baton Rouge Love Heals Free Clinic

April 15-16, 2023

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Dear Medical Professionals,

We are inviting you to participate in a unique opportunity to serve those in need here in our community. The Baton Rouge Love Heals Free Clinic is a 2-day community-centered event offering FREE dental, general medical, vision, preventative and educational services. In years past, the event serviced over 1,400 residents who, without our assistance, would not have access to medical care.

Our primary purpose is to provide quality medical care to underserved community members. This event is first come, first served, and we will provide care to anyone. We expect nothing in return, only the satisfaction of helping those in need.

How does it work?

The Baton Rouge Love Heals Free Clinic is brought to you by the City of Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish Advancing Health Literacy (BRAHL), who will be providing equipment and supplies for the temporary clinic. This will include approximately 35 dental and exam chairs, several mobile x-ray machines, and other ancillary equipment needed to serve approximately 400 patients daily. We will hire Better Vision Better Hope to bring in the equipment needed to run the vision department, including multiple autorefractors and a retinal camera. Initially, all patients undergo a brief wellness exam where a nurse will review their health history, measure blood pressure and blood glucose, and review their list of medications. The patient is then directed to the area of greatest need and primary service. We also provide on-site resources to connect patients to the community for future care or services.

All volunteers are asked to sign waivers covered under the Love Heals Free Clinic's malpractice and insurance policy. Non-medical volunteers will help with greeting, registration, cleaning, crowd control, visiting with patients, etc. Standard patient services offered include the following but can be expanded based on community support.

Dental

X-Rays

Filings

Extractions

Cleaning

Vision

Exam

Glaucoma

Screening

Prescription Eye
Glasses

Medical

Wellness Exams

Diabetes Screenings and Education

Blood Pressure Screenings

Illness Diagnosis and minor treatments
Health Promotion and education

What are the Hours?

- Volunteer Training & Clinic Set Up: Friday, April 14, 2023
- Clinic Days:
 - Saturday, April 15 7 AM-7 PM
 - Sunday, April 16, 2023 7 AM- 3 PM

Where is the clinic located?

Baton Rouge Love Heals Free Clinic will take place at the Raising Cane's River Center in downtown Baton Rouge at *396 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801*.

Your Help is Needed! We are looking for Louisiana-licensed dental, vision, and medical professionals and general volunteers to help serve the uninsured and underinsured population. Would you consider coming and bringing any of your staff, friends or family to volunteer? Every Baton Rouge Love Heals Free Clinic is made possible by the compassion and love of our volunteers.

If you are willing to join us in this incredible event, **please register at** lovehealsfreeclinic.org. Once you register, you will receive email updates regarding clinic details.

Who is the sponsor? We can provide the clinic at no cost to patients through partnerships with Baton Rouge Advancing Health Literacy (BRAHL) and local sponsors. Community leaders have partnered with the Love Heals Free Clinic team to provide funding, recruitment of volunteers, and donations to make the clinic possible. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Donna Collins Lewis or Dr. Nicole Thomas at BatonRouge@lovehealsfreeclinic.org or (225) 366-7190.

More questions? If you want to learn more about the Baton Rouge Free Clinic, please visit BatonRougeFreeClinic.org for a clinic overview and contact Donna Collins Lewis or Dr. Nicole Thomas at BatonRouge@lovehealsfreeclinic.org or (225) 366-7190.

We hope you will consider committing your valuable time to serve alongside us. Plan for a busy but very rewarding experience!

Sincerely,

The Baton Rouge Love Heals Free Clinic Team