



Who We Serve

- **Poor.** Approximately 96% of CMOAR patients fall below the federal poverty level.
- **Uninsured.** Up to 90% of our patients have no public or private insurance coverage.
- **Employed.** The vast majority of our patients are the working poor who have jobs in the restaurant, garment, and other service industries that make up the backbone of the LA economy, but do not have insurance.
- **Undereducated.** An estimated 40% of our patients are functionally illiterate.
- **Monolingual.** A majority of our patients are monolingual in Spanish or a Mesoamerican language, such as Kanjobal, Quiche, Mam, or other non-European languages from southern Mexico and Central America.
- **Latino and Hispanic.** Approximately 95% of our patients are Latino and Hispanic with 70% being Mexican-American and 15% being from Central or South America.

President Obama Visits El Salvador

President Obama recently visited El Salvador on the final leg of a Latin America tour he hopes will build a new era of partnership. President Obama's talks with Salvadoran President Mauricio Funes focused on economic development, immigration, and security; with the United States committing \$200 million to help Central America fight drug-related crime.

On his visit to El Salvador, President Obama also made a special visit to the tomb of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was assassinated on March 24, 1980 while saying Mass at the city's cathedral. President Obama lit a candle at the archbishop's tomb, accompanied by Salvadoran President Mauricio Funes and Archbishop Escobar Alas.

President Obama's touching acknowledgement of Archbishop Romero is an important reminder that his legacy lives on in the minds of the people and through our work here at Clinica Romero.

For more information on President Obama's visit to El Salvador, please see the following:

<http://sansalvador.usembassy.gov/>

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/opinion/2011/3/23/romero-y-obama-246879-3.html#commentsBlock>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article1563918.ece>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-12823048>

<http://www.energypublisher.com/article.asp?idCategory=33&idsub=191&id=50699&t=President+Obama+to+visit+grave+of+martyred+Bishop+Romero+of+El+Salvador>

Clinica Romero Begins Dental Renovations

On March 11, 2011, Clinica Romero kicked off Phase III of renovations at its main site at 123 S. Alvarado Street. The dental renovation is the final leg of Clinica Romero's Capital Campaign, which began three years ago with the goal of raising \$6 million to purchase and renovate its main site in the Pico-Union/Westlake area near downtown Los Angeles.

Clinica Romero has since met its fundraising goal with the help of the City of Los Angeles and many of the local safety-net foundations. In August 2007, Clinica Romero purchased its main site from Project Angel Food, a California non-profit.

In December 2008, Clinica Romero completed Phase I of renovations. This included reconfiguring our front office area and making structural and internal facility improvements to our environmental systems.

In September 2009, Clinica Romero completed Phase II of renovations. This included building a prenatal clinic area, relocating and building a centralized medical records area, renovating seven existing exam rooms, and building six ADA compliant bathrooms.

Clinica Romero's Phase III Dental Renovation will conclude on June 30, 2011 with the full re-design of our dental space. Three dental chairs will be used for adults, and situated in one suite to improve patient flow and allow us to see more patients. The fourth chair will be in the same suite, but separated by a partition (for privacy), and used solely for pediatric care. Clinica will also purchase new equipment that will allow us to provide a higher quality of care.

Services and Programs

CMOAR provides approximately 64,000 medical, dental, and mental health visits per year to more than 19,000 children, adolescents, and adults regardless of their ability to pay.

- **Primary Healthcare: Medical, Dental, and Mental Health**
- **Health Education**
- **Community Organizing**

Clinica Msr. Oscar A. Romero

is a 501(C)3 non-profit community health center and contributions are tax-deductible.

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Save The Date - Clinica Romero's 3rd Annual Health Walk

Clinica Msr. Oscar A. Romero will host its third annual Health Walk – *Camine, Sonria y Viva* – on Saturday, October 15. Clinica Romero's third annual Health Walk will bring together the Pico-Union/Westlake and Boyle Heights communities to celebrate, exercise, and enjoy the growth and success of Clinica Romero.

Clinica Romero, named for the martyred Salvadoran Archbishop who spoke out for the rights of the poor, was founded in 1983 by a coalition of Salvadoran refugees and local volunteer health professionals. The clinic was established in response to the unmet health care needs of thousands of Central American refugees arriving in Los Angeles in the early 1980's.

Clinica Romero has grown and matured since 1983. During its 28 years of service, Clinica has grown from a small operation to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), with two clinic sites in Pico-Union/Westlake and a third in Boyle Heights. In 2010, Clinica provided over 64,000 medical, dental, and mental health visits at no cost to patients.

Come out and support Clinica Romero on Saturday, October 15th. Additional details will be posted on Clinica Romero's website (www.clinicaromero.com) as we move toward the day of the event. All proceeds from the event will support the provision of comprehensive primary healthcare services to the underserved and uninsured living near downtown Los Angeles.