



As a faith-based organization, QueensCare strives to provide, directly and with others, accessible healthcare for the uninsured and low-income individuals and families living in Los Angeles County.

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What's It Going to Take?

A LOOK AT HEALTHCARE headlines in just the past month paints the picture clearly:

- King Drew Hospital to Close
- Health Care Reform: Code Blue
- People in 41 Nations Live Longer than Americans
- Uninsured Adults Face Year-long Delays for Some Surgeries

As our elected officials at the state and national levels grapple with how to fix our healthcare crisis, it is clear that it will require communication from all of us to give legislators the support they need to reform the system.

In Los Angeles County, one in three people lives with no health insurance. Most work, but when they get sick most have limited choices: treat it with home remedies or go to the nearest emergency room. Either choice has dire consequences – diseases that go undetected until they become more serious and costly to treat, and crowded emergency rooms with long wait times that strain hospital and local resources.

Our business community in L.A. includes many small businesses, and many of these employers can't afford to offer health insurance to their employees.

As insurance rates continue to soar, this situation continues to worsen. Even large employers are making major changes to manage the impact of healthcare on their operations.

We have a fragile safety net of clinics, hospitals and nonprofits in L.A. that provide low cost or no cost healthcare to those who need it. But, this safety net is not adequate to handle the need.

QueensCare and the six QueensCare Family Clinics are on the front lines of the safety net, with one of the largest single networks of nonprofit clinics, an outreach effort in nearly 40 area churches and neighborhood locations, school-site mobile dental and vision clinics and funding for inpatient hospital care. We collaborate with local, state and national governments, area hospitals, universities, nonprofit agencies and foundations to deliver quality healthcare to Angelenos, regardless of their ability to pay. This is a drop in the Pacific.

Our healthcare system has failed us and we must fix it – for the sake of us all. Your health – and perhaps your survival – may depend on it. We encourage you to contact your elected officials and support their efforts at healthcare reform.

It affects you, too!

We'd like to hear from you with your thoughts, concerns and ideas on this healthcare crisis.

Visit www.QueensCare.org and tell us what you think.