



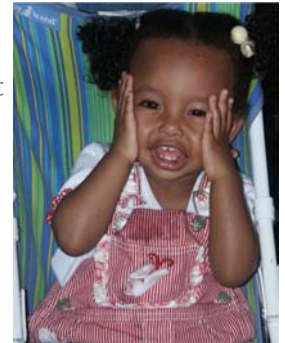
Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care

First nonprofit organization officially visited by First Lady Michelle Obama

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A Federally Qualified Health Center since 2005

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality and culturally appropriate health, education, and social services to underserved, underinsured and uninsured families from more than 40 different countries in the Washington metropolitan area.



From 200 participants a year to 15,000 by the end of 2009

Founded in 1988 by Maria Gomez, Mary's Center has grown from a small basement in the Adams Morgan neighborhood, to two clinic locations in Wards 1 and 4 in Washington, D.C., a mobile health unit, and a new comprehensive center in Montgomery County, Maryland, that opened its doors in June 2008.

Our initial budget grew from 250,000 to 15 million annually.

Our operating budget has grown from \$250,000 to \$15 million. Currently our organization employs near 200 individuals, 75% of whom are bilingual in Spanish and English; other than Spanish, our staff speak an additional 29 languages.

Mary's Center links families to community services, informing them about the educational, housing, and employment resources available to them. All our social and educational services are provided at no cost, and no one is turned away from our medical services for lack of payment.

Our services:

Mary's Center is much more than a family-centered health clinic. We are a trusted medical home for our community. Our services include:

Medical, mental health and oral health services, family social services, adolescent programs, early intervention programs for children with disabilities, health promotion and disease prevention education, home visitation, and family literacy programs, etc.



First Lady, Michelle Obama—Feb. 2009

After the First lady's visit in February 2009, there have been many other encounters with the White House.

Our President and CEO, Maria Gomez, has participated in several meetings with Mrs. Obama and other White House policy advisors to discuss issues concerning the community we serve.

Also, Mary's Center staff, participants, and Board members were invited to visit the White House in several occasions.

We look forward to continuing our work with the First Lady and the new administration for the well-being of our community.

Recognizing our Achievements

Mary's Center and its president and CEO Maria Gomez have been recipient of important recognitions such as:

- ◆ Washington Area Women's Foundation Leadership Award
- ◆ Delmarva Foundation Excellence in Prevention Through Electronic Health Records Technology Award
- ◆ Washington Business Journal Minority Business Leader Award
- ◆ Caritas Enterprise Award from Dialogue on Diversity
- ◆ Salmon Award from the DC Primary Care Association
- ◆ Poder con Ganas (Latino Political Empowerment) Award from the Hispanic Democratic Club
- ◆ Washington Examiner's Amazing Change Award from the Examiner newspaper
- ◆ Achievement Recognition Award from the District of Columbia Courts
- ◆ Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management
- ◆ You're Our Star Recognition Award and Lifetime Achievement Award from March of Dimes
- ◆ Champion of Safe Motherhood Award from the White Ribbon Alliance National Workgroup on Safe Motherhood
- ◆ Champions of Choice Award from Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington
- ◆ Conversation Changers Award from the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- ◆ Individual Impact Award from the DC Department of Health

Mary's Center featured in the following books in 2009:

- ◆ Growing American Roots by Senator Bob Menendez
- ◆ A Deliberate Pause by Larry Robertson
- ◆ Visionaries in our Midst by Allison Silberberg

How Are We Unique?

- We are one of more than 1,200 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that offer comprehensive primary health care services to medically underserved communities throughout the country.
- As an FQHC, Mary's Center provides care regardless of patients' ability to pay and holds stringent quality and accountability standards.
- Mary's Center demonstrates a strong commitment to the social change model and strives to build on the strengths of the communities we serve.
- Mary's Center provides extensive social and educational services that are critical to improving the health of individuals and the community, such as home visitation, early intervention for children with disabilities, multicultural family literacy programs, and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- While FQHC status and funding have enhanced Mary's Center's ability to provide primary health care, we continue to grow and find innovative ways to address the multiple social and economic factors that impact the health of an increasingly diverse community.

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