



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Georgia Free Clinic Network, founded in 2003 is a private, non-profit, 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization funded by private donations, foundation grants and membership fees. The mission of the Georgia Free Clinic Network is to provide a collaborative support system to foster growth and development of charitable clinics and improve access to quality healthcare for the medically underserved across the state.

A “free clinic” is a private, non-profit, community-based organization that provides medical, dental, pharmaceutical and/or mental health services at little or no cost to low-income, uninsured people. They accomplish this through the use of volunteer health professionals, community volunteers, and partnerships with other health providers.

A free clinic is unique, in that its development and services are based on the particular needs and resources of the local community. Care is made possible through the donation of goods and services, volunteers, and community donations. Funding is generally raised on the local level, and there is little, if any, government funding or support. A free clinic is committed to minimizing barriers to care and providing quality care.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Active Membership

Member clinics are organizations whose primary mission is to provide health care services at little or no charge, have an independent governing body, and are considered non-profit for tax purposes. These clinics have a broad base of community support and are staffed primarily by volunteers. These are the voting members of the association.

Membership dues are based on 1/10 of 1% of your program's annual budget, with minimum dues of \$200, and a maximum of \$500. *i.e. If a clinic's budget is \$325,000.00, the dues for the organization will be \$325.00.* The GFCN active membership year is January through December.

Affiliate Members

Affiliates are individuals and/or those organizations providing services to uninsured Georgians whose organizational structure, service mix, fee structure, or revenue stream does not fall within the definition of an active member. *i.e.:* Federally Qualified Health Center; Community Health Center; hospital-based clinic; unincorporated volunteer clinic; after-hours physician-based practice for uninsured.

Membership dues are \$200.00 for individuals. For an organization, dues are based on 1/10 of 1% of the organization's annual budget, with minimum dues of \$200, and a maximum of \$500.00, billed on an anniversary date.

Associate Members

Associate members show their support of the Network's efforts to strengthen and advocate for charitable clinics in the delivery of quality health care for low-income, uninsured Georgians.

Examples of possible associate members are: foundations; medical equipment manufacturers; pharmaceutical companies; public health departments; state or national associations; professional societies; educational institutions; hospitals; and community organizations.

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