



## The Mystery of Maria



Living with an illness can be quite difficult. Imagine living with symptoms of an illness that no one can diagnose. This is Maria's story. Maria is a young mother with 4 children. Over the past four years, she has suffered from strange symptoms. Her arms would suddenly go numb. She would grow faint and lightheaded. When she was able to visit a doctor, they were unable to find any cause for her problems. With no answers, Maria continued to live with her symptoms, doing her best to care for her family as she suffered.

Maria came to Good Shepherd Clinic when her symptoms grew much worse after her husband left the family. The stress caused her to feel even worse than before.

Dr. Bratzler, one of Good Shepherd's amazing medical team, was able to see Maria. When Maria arrived, **she had no pulse in either arm**. After several tests, he diagnosed her with a rare disease, Takayasu's Arteritis. This disease causes inflammation in the walls of the arteries, narrowing the arteries and reducing blood flow to the body. Maria came to Good Shepherd 80-85% blockage in her arms. Additionally, she had blockage to her brain, putting her at a significant risk for a stroke. Dr. Bratzler prescribed life-saving medications for Maria and he is now sending her for necessary treatment with specialists.

Maria recently said, "It was 4 years of searching from doctor to doctor without any answer about my illness. Nobody gave me an explanation or they did not find my illness. For a year, I did not go to the doctor but the symptoms were still here. Then I arrived at Good Shepherd in the hands of the Dr. Bratzler. For me it is a blessing because I have 4 children who depend on me and I can not miss them. My hope in life is only in God and my doctors. I have confidence they will be able to help me. I thank them with all my heart and all the team of doctors in Good Shepherd. God bless you!"

# The Work of Good Shepherd Clinic



Good Shepherd Clinic exists to meet the medical and dental needs of Oklahoma City residents that are low income and uninsured. We provide care by recruiting medical and dental professionals and students to work in our clinic alongside a small staff. Patients receive consistent, quality care at no cost. Our work helps close the [gap in health care in Oklahoma.](#)

## Volunteers and Partners

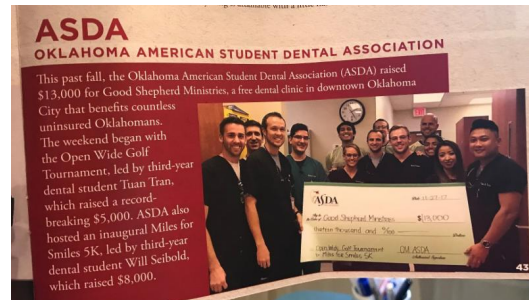


### Thank you, OCCF!

We are extremely grateful to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for the \$40,000 grant in a collaboration effort with Open Arms Clinic. This grant allows Good Shepherd Clinic to provide dental care to medical patients from Open Arms Clinic. Pictured are Nancy Anthony, OCCF and Pam Timmons, Good Shepherd Clinic.

### Our Incredible Volunteers

Thanks to Oklahoma ASDA students for your hard work to raise funds for Good Shepherd Clinic. Not only do you treat our patients, but you also raised \$13,000 to provide oral health care to our patients!. The future of Oklahoma dental care is in great hands!

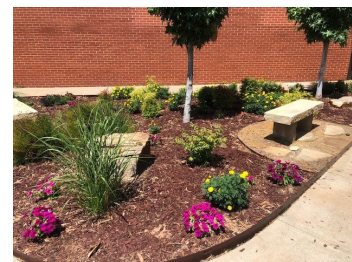


If you are interested in **volunteering** in our medical clinic, dental clinic, or pharmacy, click [here](#) to learn more.

## The basics of volunteer math



Flowerbed in disarray



Equals a glorious flowerbed!

Plus some awesome  
volunteers, like these girls  
from CHA

[Email us to add yourself to the equation!](#)

## Support Our Mission



### Give to Good Shepherd with an evening of fun

Welcome to Bleu Garten where food trucks, live music, happy hour, and a cash bar set the scene for a great night. Join us there on September 20th at 5:30pm to celebrate and support Good Shepherd Clinic. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds benefit Good Shepherd. Everyone is invited, so bring your friends and help your neighbors. Bleu Garten is located at 301 NW 10th St in Oklahoma City.

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

## Join the Core of Care

It takes people like you to make our mission possible. Join our Core of Care today by becoming a monthly donor. Every gift gives life to someone. Your monthly gift of \$40 could be life-saving for 12 Oklahomans by providing them medication to treat their diabetes for one entire year. Every gift makes a difference. Click [here](#) to give today!

