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Volunteer Registration Now Open for Seattle/King County Clinic

*Thousands Needed to Support Washington's
Largest Free Health Clinic, April 23–26, 2026*

January 5, 2026, (Seattle, WA) -- Registration is now open for volunteers to support Seattle/King County Clinic, a four-day free health clinic returning to Seattle Center April 23–26, 2026. Fresh off its 10-Year Anniversary milestone in 2025, the state's largest free clinic provides essential healthcare to uninsured and underinsured individuals across Washington. Organizers are calling for dental, vision, medical, and social work professionals, along with interpreters and general support volunteers, to join this remarkable effort.

A collaborative project led by Seattle Center and Seattle Center Foundation, the Clinic unites healthcare organizations, civic agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and volunteers to deliver free, comprehensive healthcare services to thousands of patients.

"Each year, I am inspired by the commitment of our community to ensure people who are underserved receive essential care," said Julia Colson, Seattle/King County Clinic Project Executive. "From dental extractions and diagnostic medical services to eye exams and prescription eyeglasses, the impact of this work is profound, improving lives and bringing hope to those who need it most."

Since its inception in 2014, the Clinic has provided care to over 33,000 patients, saving them \$30 million in out-of-pocket costs. Representing more than 60 professional roles, clinical and non-clinical volunteers deliver ambulatory care to people who otherwise cannot access or afford it.

"In the early days of the Clinic, it was widely assumed that the demand for this event would be temporary. That was more than twelve years ago. Today, deep cuts to the healthcare safety net threaten even those who are stably housed and employed," explained Christine Lindquist, Executive Director of Washington Healthcare Access Alliance. "We expect a dramatic increase in the need for free healthcare in 2026, and Seattle/King County Clinic will be a beacon of care for thousands of patients who have no other option. This is an opportunity not only for patients, but for everyone who wants to contribute to accessible healthcare. Helping make this event possible is a powerful way to connect across barriers and show care for your community."

Seattle/King County Clinic is made possible by partnerships with dozens of organizations, including Kaiser Permanente Washington, Climate Pledge Arena, Public Health – Seattle & King County, as well as thousands of volunteers.

“During my time volunteering at the Seattle/King County Clinic, I observed how the clinic creates a strong sense of community,” said 2025 Clinic volunteer Hayat M. “It provides not only healthcare but also a safe space where patients, many of whom face language barriers or financial struggles, feel supported and heard. The staff and volunteers genuinely care about the well-being of patients, fostering trust and making people feel comfortable.”

Volunteer registration is now open at seattlecenter.org/volunteers. The Clinic's capacity to serve patients depends on volunteer participation, with a particular need for volunteers to sign up for morning shifts as well as shifts at any time on Thursday and Sunday.

For more information, visit seattlecenter.org/skcclinic or call 206-684-7200. Help change lives by joining Seattle/King County Clinic - where care, compassion, and community come together.

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About Seattle/King County Clinic

Seattle/King County Clinic, a project led by Seattle Center and Seattle Center Foundation, is the largest community-driven health clinic of its kind in the United States. This four-day event unites healthcare organizations, civic agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and thousands of volunteers to deliver free dental, vision, medical, and social services to individuals who face barriers to accessing and affording essential health services.

About Clinic Partners

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