



## Community Outreach

Through grants to the hospitals of Morton Plant Mease, the Foundation believes in providing financial support to our many community outreach partnerships that significantly help the needs of the uninsured and under-insured individuals living in our community to lead healthier lives and reduce non-emergent Emergency Room visits, including:

- **Clearwater Free Clinic:** Clearwater Free Clinic's Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) and Medications Programs provide an *additional* 4,500 adult and pediatric appointments each year for the acute and chronically ill, low-income, uninsured adults and children living in our community.
- **Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco County:** An ARNP for the Good Samaritans Health Clinic, less than a mile away from Morton Plant North Bay Hospital, increases access to quality, non-urgent medical care for an *additional* 2,100 low income patients in Pasco County.

- **Homeless Emergency Project (HEP):** Homeless people have poorer physical health and behavioral health than the general public and have problems obtaining suitable care. Last year, Morton Plant Hospital's Medical Overlay Team provided assessment, crisis intervention, case management and treatment that saved our hospitals more than \$1.8 million in avoidable Emergency Room visits.
- **La Clinica Guadalupeana:** In collaboration with Morton Plant Hospital, La Clinica Guadalupeana provides non-emergent health care to nearly 3,000 patients each year who fall below the poverty level and have no other health care options except their local Emergency Room.
- **Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center:** Focusing on the North Greenwood community, the Center provides preventive health services, wellness and education programs directed toward achieving holistic health. Serving 1,500 unduplicated patient visits last year with non-emergent care, they helped eliminate more than 500 uncompensated patient visits to our hospitals.