

"I'm not sure, but I'm almost positive that all music came from New Orleans."

> -Ernie K-Doe

The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic & Assistance Foundation (NOMC&AF) has one simple mission: **to keep our city's musicians ALIVE in body, mind and spirit.** 

With your generous support, patients receive life-saving primary care and wellness services regardless of their ability to pay. To meet the unmet medical and social service needs of the culture bearers we serve, a devoted and compassionate coalition of advocates, medical professionals and community leaders unite at the USA's only clinic and community health organization of its kind.

# **CURRENT PROGRAMS**

### **Medical Care at the Musicians' Clinic**

A dedicated family nurse practitioner 5 days a week 16 specialty departments at the LSU Healthcare Network Occupational and Physical Therapy Counseling & Psychiatry Electronic Health Records for 24-7 access

### **Social Services**

Access to a full-time social worker Medical Insurance Navigation Affordable Housing Assistance Patient Prescription Enrollment Emergency Aid

### **Community Health Outreach**

Healing Happy Hours for Suicide Prevention & Self-Care Chair Yoga for Elder Performers Hearing Loss Prevention - Ear Plug Giveaways at Concerts Community Blood Drives Flu Shots for Culture & Hospitality Workers Dear Friends of Music,

My name is Reggie Scanlan; I am the bass player for the Radiators, I was also in Professor Longhair's band, and played with James Booker... I have a resume kinda like that. I am also a pancreatic cancer survivor and a Musicians' Clinic advocate.

The NOMC is instrumental in my 8 years with this terminal disease and I cannot say enough for them. **Their importance to the music community cannot be overstated.** 

Musicians, like most people know, do not make a lot of money, so having a place to go for medical problems- what that's worth is beyond words...As far as my cancer goes, the NOMC helps with several things. For instance, because of my pancreatic cancer I am now a Type I diabetic, so they get me eye exams so I can watch my retina.

It's a really well-thought-out organization, and it impacts the whole community by keeping musicians functioning. Having a Musicians' Clinic seems like something you should not even have to think about in a music city. Medical care should be available to everyone, anyway.

Whatever you can do to help or contribute, you should. If you love music, you should support musicians.



Yours in Music & Health,

Ragin Sulp

Reggie Scanlan



"NOMC recently threw me a lifeline! I have had a fear of swimming for over 30 years. At 60 years old I'm learning to swim through a special program, Queens Make a Splash! I am conquering my fear. Now that I have learned to swim, I have started water aerobic classes with guidance and support from NOMC. I am looking forward to being healthier and a swimmer."

#### **Cherice Harrison-Nelson**

Big Queen, Guardians of the Flame Maroon Society, visual and performing artist, community advocate, cancer survivor, and NOMC patient

"Musicians and performers are among the most cherished and most vulnerable populations in New Orleans. I have so many friends who have received essential care and assistance from NOMC for physical, preventative and mental health care. I've been lucky not to have to come to them for help, but knowing that, when the need comes, they will be there makes me happy to support them. They do so much good for so many."

#### **Michael Cerveris**

Tony Award-winning musician, actor and cultural advocate





"The clinic is very supportive and extremely encouraging. They understand the needs of musicians, both physically and mentally. They provide services must of us couldn't afford otherwise."

**Derrick Freeman** Musician, songwriter, culture bearers, and NOMC patient

"The New Orleans Musicians Clinic is one of the best things to have ever happened to New Orleans musicians. I know of countless musicians and culture bearers who would not be alive today without NOMC's services. It's a model for a nonprofit health services organization that does exactly what it says it will do."

#### **Jan Ramsey**

Founder, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, OffBeat Magazine and NOMC advocate



On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your investment in the health and sustainability of New Orleans' musical culture. Your support is a vital beacon of hope to the performers who give their heart and soul to keep this culture ALIVE.

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