Caracas Adventist Clinic Center

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Caracas Adventist Clinic Center is an institution with a long tradition linked to the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Venezuela. It is an iconic entity located in the historic center of the city’s well-known Quinta Crespo sector. In that location there are a few state institutions, including the legislative branch. It is located in Calle
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Foundation

On October 12, 1940, Caracas Adventist Clinic Center was founded by Augusto Sherman, mission president, and Ricardo Fitó, administrator. On November 6, 1985, the present building was acquired. At the time the East Venezuela Union Mission president was Garry Gregory, and the dispensary administrator was José Ochoa.

Development

Under the administration of Venezuela Mission, now conference, the institution started as an institution to offer simple assistance in 1940. However, it offered important and necessary medical assistance to the population providing dental and nursing care services. The services were well received, as the first doctors and health professionals were beginning to be trained in the country. During years 1940–1950 the institution added university professionals with various specialties, giving the institution great recognition and acceptance. In November 1985, by acquiring its own location, the institution expanded its frontiers to a variety of specialties, and the work equipment was renewed, as well as its physical plant. Currently, approximately 350 patients are treated from Monday to Friday. In the facilities they also offer lifestyle workshops, Vacation Bible Schools, and spiritual programs.

Perspectives

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Historical Role of the Institution

The Caracas Adventist Clinic Center, with its 78 years of experience, is a city’s renowned institution. Numerous people of diverse beliefs, cultures, and social classes have passed through its consulting rooms. The institution is part of the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as it stands like a monument proclaiming the Adventist message, which is not only religious but also health-oriented, to help people live healthier lives by taking care of their bodies and adopting a better lifestyle.
shows interest. The center’s conference room is being considered to be used as a chapel for patients to feel comfortable going to church services. It is expected to expand community services areas with the reopening of the surgical room. The country’s social, political, and economic crisis has prevented the renewal of equipment and even the repair of some; however, faith drives the center to maintain hope through its slogan: “We go for more, until Christ comes.”

**List of the Institution’s Significant People**

Augusto Sherman and his wife, Opha; Ricardo Fito M; Nathaniel García Robayna; Dr. Ernesto Díaz Vargas; Dr. Carlos Rojas; Dr. Eugenio de Bellard. Nurses Douglas Previer and Ester de Previer; Nurse Amilde Hortua Mendoza; Nurse Ana Bustamante; Dr. Luis Carlos Ortiz; Dr. Nancy Fleitas; Dr. Israel Escobar; Dr. Alfonzo Müller Rojas; Dr. Lino Tovar; Dr. Fanny Fleitas; Lic. Jacobo Ramos; Dr. Yomar Berroterán; Dr. Carlos Bruguera; Dr. Ruth Millán; Mr. José Emmons, Dr. Dilio Sequeria; Dr. Esteban Poni; Dr. Nelson Guédez; Lic. Montaroso; Lic. José Ochoa; Dr. Wilson León; Mrs. Ogla Escobar; Dr. Rogelio Vivás; Dr. Arturo José Briceno; Dr. Juan Yungano; Mercedes López; Rita Carolina Quiroz; Lic. Lidia Borges; Dr. Pedro Moreno; Dr. Coromoto Delgado; Dr. Juan Carballo; Dr. Carlos Bello; Dr. Miriam Duque Montes; Lic. Dolores de Sandoval; Lic. Saúl Brito; Dra. Perazzo; Pr. Pacifilo Merchant; Lic. Frank Márquez; TSU. Maira Bautista; Dr. Liliana de Molina; Lic. Andreina de Parra; Lic. Pedro Moreno; Mag. Yannina Testa; Lic. Alejandro Pérez; Lic. María Granados; Dr. Miguel Lemus; Tito Jiménez; Lic. Marlene de Sousa; Pr. Edgardo Parra.

**List of Administrators**

Augusto Sherman (1940–1945); Douglas Previer (1946–1950); Amilde Hortua Mendoza, Ana Bustamante, Dr. Luis Carlos Ortiz (1950–1954); Dr. Alfonzo Müller Rojas (1954–1995); Dr. Fanny Fleitas (1965–2007); Dr. Liliana de Molina (2007–2015); Dr. Miguel Lemus (2016–2018); Lic. Marlene Sousa (2019–).

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**SOURCES**


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**NOTES**


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