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## SBMC Offers Support during RAM-LA Clinic

Fifteen of St. Bernardine's own lent a helping hand this August in a massive effort to provide free health care to those in need. Our hospital volunteer team joined the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Foundation, a nonprofit service that has offered over 576 medical clinics across the Americas, in a massive effort to "make a difference" in Southern California.

During RAM's eight-day, free health care clinic at the Forum in Inglewood, California, 6,344 patients received medical, dental and vision services from over 4,000 medical professionals. It was the largest and longest free health care event in the country.

Linda McDonald, vice president of Mission Services, explains, "In conjunction with other CHW hospitals, we saw this as a great opportunity to reach beyond the walls of the hospital and help serve the needs of the underserved populations."



*Fifteen SBMC volunteers (a few of whom are pictured above) and many others from CHW hospitals helped provide free medical care for those in need at Inglewood, California's Forum on August 18, 2009.*

Mission Services helped to organize SBMC's team of volunteers, which included employees from Security, Pharmacy, Nursing, Mission Services, Spiritual Care and Administration. "Our volunteers were tremendous," explains McDonald. "We are so grateful to our amazing SBMC team. Their efforts are commendable."

