



Present:

Dr. Mayer Davidson serves on our board and continues to volunteer at VFC every Thursday.



1970

Volunteer physicians Philip Roszman, MD, founder, and Mayer B. Davidson, MD, co-founder, begin treating pediatric and adult patients in a space borrowed from a small, store-front dental office after normal business hours.



Present:

Today the event is known as Children's Holiday Movie and raised \$115,000 in 2013.



1988

A Christmas movie is screened for VFC's children and raises \$31,000

Present:

The Asthma Care Program continues to improve the lives of over 500 children and their families each year.



1992

VFC's Asthma Care Program launches to provide family-based education for life-long health care through both medical management and home environment assessments.

Present:

The program remains strong today thanks to a generous grant from the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation which allows us to distribute over 8,000 books per year.



1997

A Pediatric Literacy Program, Reach Out and Read, provides a book to each child at every clinical visit with reading advice and guidance to their parents.



Present:

Teen Clinic Program services occur three half-days per week on campus where we serve over 300 students each year. An endowment was created to forever sustain services at the newly renovated Sandy Segal Youth Health Center at Culver City Middle & High Schools



2003

Venice Family Clinic expands its Teen Clinic Program to the joint campus of Culver City High School and Culver City Middle School by offering health care services.

Present:

The Touchpoints philosophy and care methods continue to be central tenets of our pediatric training & practice at VFC, ensuring a wonderful experience for our youngest kids.



2007

A model of care known as "Touchpoints" developed by Dr. T. Berry Brazelton is introduced and staff is trained to develop more meaningful and successful relationships with parents/caregivers in order to help them understand key development milestones in a child's life.



Present:

Each year 60 children and teens along with their parents or caregivers complete the program. Fit for Healthy Weight is just one piece of VFC's nationally recognized obesity prevention & nutrition programs.



2011

Program Director Wendy Skusser, MD, MS, FAAP, Venice Family Clinic Staff Pediatrician and Associate Clinic Professor at the Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA brings her innovative Fit For Healthy Weight program to VFC to help us address the unique needs of obese youth.



Present:

Today VFC treats over 6,500 pediatric patients each year



1985-86

Early beginnings of the Pediatric Care Program start with VFC providing children's physicals at school sites and during special Saturday clinic hours. VFC serves just over 3,000 kids.



Present:

Drs. Basia Tchong, Gali Mirzaie, and Cambria Garell guide VFC's Pediatric Care Program. Dr. Tchong will implement and direct programs and services at the new children's health and wellness center.



1990

VFC's first pediatrician, Dr. Norma Rosales, is hired to oversee the Pediatric Care Program

Present:

Children First Early Head Start continues to deliver services to 200 of Venice Family Clinic's lowest income families with children ages 0 to 3 years old, as well as children with diagnosed disabilities.



1995

VFC launches a federal demonstration project which became known as "Children First," an Early Head Start program providing comprehensive home-based care and family support services to optimize the quality of life for our youngest children.



Present:

Teen Clinic Program services are provided to over 200 Santa Monica High School students each year. Medical evaluations, immunizations, treatment and counseling services continue to be offered to students in the nurse's office during school hours.



1998

Venice Family Clinic partners with Santa Monica High School to begin offering health care services on campus through VFC's Teen Clinic Program.

Present:

Each year the KP KIDS program helps over 100 children and their families get healthy through parenting groups and nutrition and lifestyle classes.



2006

Utilizing a Kaiser Permanente model, VFC implements the KP KIDS (Kids in Dynamic Shape) program to help children, ages 5-12, and their families learn about and adopt healthy eating habits and increase their level of physical activity.



Present:

Today, thanks to Dr. Indulal Nagrecha, the dental clinic now offers a bilingual dental education class for children and parents/caregivers. Dr. Nagrecha's goal is to get all our kids to adulthood with no cavities!



2011

VFC hires its first full-time pediatric dentist who dramatically increased access to pediatric dental services for local families.



Present:

VFC dental hygienists visit hundreds of kids at 16 local schools and Head Start programs across the Westside. They travel with portable imaging equipment and take x-rays and photographs, perform cleanings and temporary fillings, and create an online dental record system.



2013

Through a partnership with the University of the Pacific and First 5 LA, VFC launches a Virtual Dental Home project to expand access to dental services.



FOUR DECADES OF PEDIATRIC CARE

For over 40 years families have flourished thanks to Venice Family Clinic's pediatric programs. Celebrate our continued growth this spring when we open the new

