SERVICES PROVIDED

From October, 1999, when the program began until October, 2009, Wellness on Wheels has provided services for approximately 30,000 clients in the DeKalb County community.

More than 5,000 uninsured women have received mammograms as well as other recommended follow-up services.

In addition to regular clinics, Wellness on Wheels has participated in health fairs and provides community outreach through education. The nurses on staff have provided health education classes to schools, senior centers and community groups.

Through partnering with agencies such as Refugee Family Services, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, DeKalb County’s English as a Second Language Adult Education Program, the DeKalb Board of Health, Northlake Rotary and Dia de Mujer Latina, Wellness on Wheels has been able to reach many clients from immigrant and refugee communities.

Wellness on Wheels has received special funding to provide vision evaluation and eyeglasses for children without insurance; additionally, grant monies have ensured that comprehensive breast cancer screening services can continue when other outside funding sources are unavailable.

CONTACT US

For more information about the Wellness on Wheels program and/or how to make a donation, please call 404.501.7106, or visit our web site at www.dekalbmedical.org.
WHAT IS WELLNESS ON WHEELS?

Wellness on Wheels is a project supported by DeKalb Medical and the DeKalb Medical Foundation.

Wellness on Wheels (WOW) is a mobile clinic that provides free preventive health services to medically underserved residents of DeKalb and surrounding counties. The services offered include:

- Breast cancer screenings including digital mammography
- Prostate cancer screenings
- Diabetes screenings
- Cholesterol screenings
- HIV screenings
- Blood pressure screenings
- Immunizations for children and adults
- Vision and hearing screenings
- Health education on a variety of health topics

In addition, a key focus of the Wellness on Wheels program is to assist clients in finding affordable primary healthcare, thus improving the overall health of DeKalb County.

HISTORY

The Wellness on Wheels program began in October 1999 as a joint project between the DeKalb Medical Foundation and the DeKalb County Board of Health.

Funds to purchase the mobile clinic were raised by the DeKalb Medical Foundation, primarily through gifts from employees and volunteers of DeKalb Medical.

OUR STAFF

The Wellness on Wheels staff consists of a program director, a registered nurse, a family nurse practitioner, a certified medical assistant/driver, an office coordinator and an administrative assistant.

The WOW staff speaks English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

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DeKalb Medical is a not-for-profit hospital system that includes the 451-bed DeKalb Medical at North Decatur, the 40-bed DeKalb Medical Long Term Acute Care at Downtown Decatur and the 100-bed DeKalb Medical at Hillandale in Lithonia. A leader in progressive medical technology delivered by a highly qualified and caring staff, the hospital system serves approximately 500,000 patients annually and offers a variety of community outreach programs.