

MCC New York & MCC Omaha PopUp Vaccine Clinics



In early March, Ryan Health reached out to **MCC New York** Charities (USA) about hosting a pop-up vaccine site. Ryan Health wanted to partner with local community-based organizations to provide vaccines to our most vulnerable community members and those who may have difficulty navigating online portals. MCCNY of course said yes, and got to work organizing the event to ensure we were able to serve residents at Sylvia's Place, our staff

and volunteers, and vulnerable community members. (Sylvia's Place is an emergency homeless shelter for GLBT youth operated by MCCNY Charities.)

On the day of the event, we vaccinated a total of 56 individuals. It was a beautiful reunion of sorts, as the vaccinations took place in the sanctuary. It was the first time we had that many individuals in the sanctuary in the year since COVID-19 hit. Pantry clients, Sylvia's Place residents, front line workers, people living with HIV, volunteers, and church members all came together to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

We are grateful we were able to support Ryan Health in their community outreach, as well as protect our own community members at-risk. We are hopeful this is just one instance of taking steps to ensure we are all able to come together once again sooner rather than later.



MCC Omaha (Nebraska, USA) offered a safe, no hassle clinic for COVID Vaccinations on May 22nd. "We invited medical experts from the Douglas County Health Department and Total Wellness to stage the clinic, as a way to increase access. Like us, they want to make sure our neighbors get help." Nonprofits in the area such as Together Inc., St. Vincent DePaul and Heartland Family Services helped spread the word. "Because we are not requiring an ID, we hope to serve undocumented guests." One of the bonuses

was no pre-registration. Information was gathered on site. “With the vaccination for ages 12-15 having just been approved, we are one of the first sites in the city to offer the COVID shot to teens. This is just the beginning of our wellness initiative, an outgrowth of the pantry ministry.”

Editor’s Note:

In the April 2021 issue of GOOD News, we shared that Sunshine Cathedral (Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA) and Joy MCC (Orlando, Florida, USA) also hosted popup vaccine clinics while Gracia Viva (Dallas, Texas, USA) helped register people to get vaccinated.