

Dr. Munaf Kadri Honored for 25 Years of Dedication to Community Healthcare

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UMMA Community Clinic's (UMMA) mission is to promote the well-being of the underserved by providing access to high-quality



health care for all, regardless of ability to pay. UMMA envisions itself as part of a larger network of institutions addressing the health and well-being of the underserved and indigent, mindful of the cultural, spiritual, social, and economic realities impinging upon them and the traditional barriers to accessing care.

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UMMA's patient population is 72% Latino and 21% African Ameri-

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Certificate of Recognition

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Dr. Munaf Kadri

on celebrating

Dedicated Years of Service

On behalf of California's 37th Congressional District, I want to thank you for your exceptional leadership, dedication, and tireless commitment to the betterment of our community. As founding board member and Chairman of Umma Community Clinic, your unwavering efforts have significantly contributed to the growth, prosperity, and well-being of over a million Angelenos. You embody your mission of improving the lives of the underserved all over the world and in particular our own backyard – all while simultaneously teaching at Loma Linda University Medical Center. We genuinely thank you for your dedication to the Umma Community Clinic!

4th day of November 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sydney Kamlager-Dove".

Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove
California's 37th District

Assembly

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

PRESENTED TO:

Munaf Kadri

In recognition of your unwavering commitment to service and your substantial contributions to the well-being of our community. Your earnest dedication not only elevates the mission of UMMA Community Clinic but significantly resonates with our shared goal to promote the well-being of the underserved by providing access to high-quality healthcare for all. Your endeavors have made a marked difference in the lives of many, embodying a spirit of community and compassion that inspires us all. I commend your tireless efforts towards the betterment of both UMMA and the broader community, laying down a legacy of service that continues to inspire and uplift."



November 4, 2023

Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
REGINALD BYRON JONES-SAWYER, SR.
Assemblymember, 57th District

can. More than 41% of the patients live 100% below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), 31% are uninsured, and 62% are enrolled in public insurance programs that are often underinsured. UMMA serves people of all ages. 23% of the patients are under 17, 69% are aged 18-64, and 8% are 65 or older. More than 47% of the patients are best served in a language other than English.

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Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, UMMA has rapidly seen the demand for critical medical, behavioral, oral health, and social services increase in South Los Angeles. In response, UMMA invested in a Mobile Health Clinic through a Health on Wheels Initiative to make primary care services more accessible to the underserved community. During this time, UMMA also doubled its Fremont Food Fair free services in response to a 200% increase in demand for food aid during the pandemic, reaching more than 2,500 community members in need and distributing more than 360,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables in 2020. UMMA distributed 371,053 pounds of fresh produce through the Fremont Free Food Fair in 2021. Considering UMMA’s patients’ unique digital and economic barriers, telehealth and telephonic services were introduced into UMMA’s care modalities in March 2020. UMMA completed 13,728 telehealth visits (video, telephone, and hybrid) in 2021.

UMMA community clinic has been recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health Center Quality Leader. This designation reflects a commitment to increasing access to care for the community. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles City Council, the United States House of Represent-



Dr. Elba Fayard congratulates Dr. Munaf Kadri on his receipt of the California State Assembly Award



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tatives, and the White House have honored UMMA for their work in South Los Angeles. In October 2020, UMMA was recognized by Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr. as the 2020 California Nonprofit of the Year for the 59th Assembly District for UMMA's commitment to increasing access to high-quality healthcare and addressing critical social needs in South Los Angeles.

Dr. Munaf Kadri has played a pivotal role in UMMA's growth, serving in various capacities. Dr. Kadri's impactful leadership has evolved from a dedicated volunteer physician to his role as Chairman of the Board and currently Chair of Development and Quality Improvement. Beyond his local contributions, Dr. Kadri has led mission-driven healthcare projects on a global scale, setting up clinics in South Asia and providing vital care in the Middle East.

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“We are so proud of Dr. Munaf Kadri and his incredible achievements,” said Dr. Elba Fayard, Neonatal-Perinatal Division Chief, expressing the sentiment of the Department of Pediatrics at Loma Linda. “His vision and dedication have not only transformed a volunteer initiative into a thriving healthcare network but have also

touched the lives of thousands, both locally and globally.”

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