

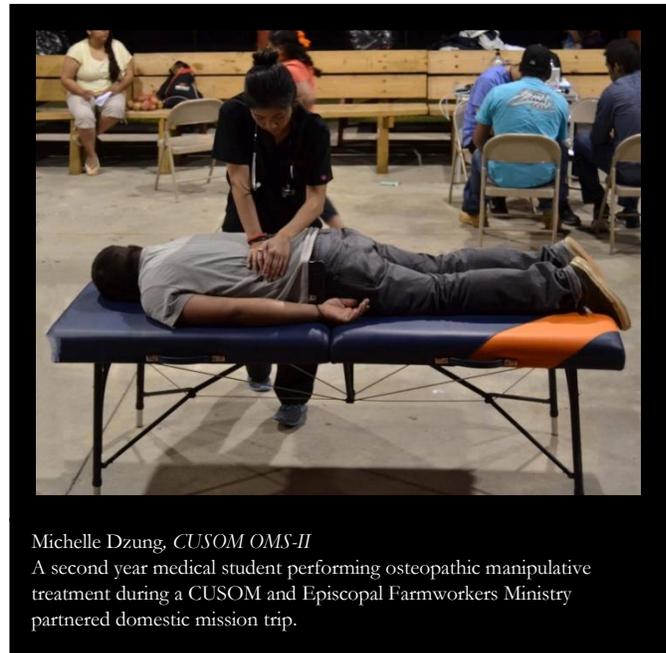
Campbell University Community Care Clinic NEWSLETTER



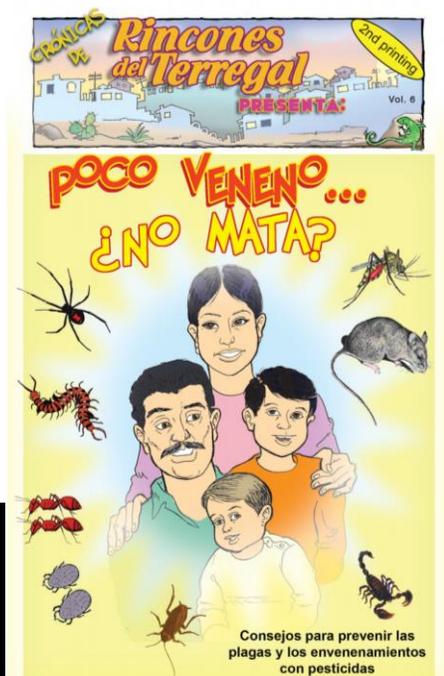
Campbell University Community Care Clinic partners with the North Carolina Farmworker Health Program

In 2015, the Campbell University Community Care Clinic (CUCCC) partnered with the Harnett County chapter of the North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP) chapter in order to more aptly provide care to underserved residents in Harnett County. The NCFHP is composed of staff members who are assigned a particular region where they help by visiting local farming camps, serving as intermediates between the farmworkers and local health clinics, and offering preventative medicine education classes and materials.

Janeth Tapia, the local NCFHP outreach Coordinator, explained that the region's four staff members visit approximately 160 agricultural sites which allows them to reach over 6,000 farmworkers. At these sites, the majority of migrant farmworkers live with their co-workers in dormitory style housing provided by the farm owner. In addition to traveling to the farms and helping the



Michelle Dzung, CUSOM OMS-II
A second year medical student performing osteopathic manipulative treatment during a CUSOM and Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry partnered domestic mission trip.



farmworkers access medical and pharmacological services, the NCFHP staff members teach medical education classes such as smoking cessation, nutrition, hypertension prevention, heat stroke prevention, proper pesticides handling, emergency response contact, and dental care.

The NCFHP representative for the counties of Harnett and Wake, Balbina Cerro, detailed the activities in her normal routine which are to visit the agricultural sites and determine which farmworkers need or desire to see a clinician. If any workers require consultation with a physician, Cerro, helps with administration, interprets during the patient encounter, and as well as provides transportation to and from the clinic and pharmacy.

Pesticide toxicity patient education material provided by the NCFHP.

Migrant Clinicians Network. *A Little Bit of Poison... Will it kill you? / Poco Veneno... No Mata?* Vol 6. 2nd ed. 2014. Web. < <https://www.ncfhp.org/patient-education-materials/>>.



Participants in the North Carolina Farmworkers Health Program

The NCFHP team members report that many farmworkers are usually not willing to ask their employers for time off unless they are

acutely ill or injured. For this reason, one of the most notable jobs of the NCFHP employees is to work with clinics and negotiate walk-in appointments. However, many clinics cannot accommodate patients who do not have a scheduled visit. The team of NCFHP employees remarked that the CUCCC is able to provide walk-in appointments which has allowed many more patients to be treated. Additionally, the CUCCC is the only clinic serving residents of Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Johnston, Sampson, and Wake Counties that provides physician visits and pharmacy care at no cost to the patients.

Through the partnership between the NCFHP and local clinics including the CUCCC, over 2,500 farmworkers have been able to receive healthcare and medications. However, there are still many others who remain without access to walk-in appointments and health education. Because of her work in Harnett County and connection to the CUCCC, Balbina Cerro is intimately aware of this need and informed the Campbell University Community about this ongoing barrier to healthcare access. Throughout the next year, the CUCCC Student Board will be working on gathering the financial and volunteer resources that could potentially increase the capacity of patients seen at the CUCCC and create more outreach programs for farmworkers in Southeastern North Carolina.

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