



CARE Fair: Thousands expected to attend free health clinic this weekend

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Published 07/14 2016 09:56PM Updated 07/14 2016 11:11PM SALT LAKE CITY (ABC4 Utah) - Utah's largest free community health clinic kicks off its 24th year in Salt Lake City Friday. As many as 5,000 people are expected to take part in the Junior League of Salt Lake City's CARE Fair.

Every year there's a line out the door. Thousands come to the Horizonte Instruction Center in Salt Lake City to get the much needed health services they couldn't otherwise afford.

Kristin Gelegotis with the Junior League of Salt Lake City said, "We have dental, we have physical exams, you can get free immunizations, mental health screenings, podiatry, dermatology."

Dental checkups have become the most popular service offered at the CARE fair. People can get their teeth cleaned, and if they need further treatment vouchers for other services are given away. "So in dental if you need a tooth extraction or a root canal or a cavity filled you can go to that clinic and get those treatments," said Gelegotis.

On top of dental exams, pelvic and breast exams for women and immunizations for kids, the CARE Fair offers free bike helmets and car seats on a first come, first serve basis. In order to get one of the free car seats you have to bring your car and your child down to Horizonte that way your child can be fit to the car seat, and the cars eat can be professionally installed into your car.

Junior League volunteers say there's never a shortage of people in our community who need help. Brenda Mateos said, "It gives us a chance to help out people who don't necessarily have the same opportunities that we do. We take things for granted as simple as dental services, medical services, pap smears, simple things like that we get the opportunity to get through our insurance, but a lot of people don't have that opportunity."

No appointments necessary and no insurance needed. The Junior League says you can just show up and get the care you need.

The CARE Fair takes place at the Horizonte Instruction Center on Main Street in Salt Lake City. Doors open Friday at 9am and close at 8pm, and Saturday from 9am to 5pm. For more information log on to: <https://www.jlslc.org/care-fair-is-july-15-16/> (<https://www.jlslc.org/care-fair-is-july-15-16/>)

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