

# 50 Projects – 50 States: Illinois

## VNA of Fox Valley Health Center Aurora, IL

Nearly 97,000 residents in Kane County have little or no health insurance, including 14,000 children. In 2005, VNA of Fox Valley Health Center served 21,035 clients, 81 percent were low-income and 68 percent Latino. In the last five years, VNA Health Center services increased 50 to 85 percent each year, a growth trajectory expected to continue as Aurora's senior population expands and as health concerns among those in poverty continue to be a priority in Kane County, located 40 miles west of Chicago.

To address this exploding need, VNA of Fox Valley Health Center needed to expand its space to serve nearly 15,000 more patients and provide 60,000 more exams a year to uninsured and underinsured residents of the Fox Valley area. Without the expanded VNA services, these residents would continue to use expensive emergency rooms as a means for primary care.

The facility also offers a pharmacy with a drive-thru window and an onsite laboratory for blood work and testing and other diagnostics that provides faster results. Finally, VNA's new facility helps care for the community's spiritual and emotional health with a hospice sanctuary. The sanctuary is available for the hospice program's bereavement group meetings and remembrance services, and it is also open to all community members as a place for quiet reflection. VNA, a Federally Qualified Health Clinic since 2002, offers home health, hospice, and primary health care.

The total project cost was \$6.9 million including a \$1 million New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) loan from IFF. The project was completed in 2007. IFF is a leader in the field of facilities financing.

### **NMTC Allocatee**

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### **Community Profile**

- Patient population 81% low income, 68% Hispanic, and 60% uninsured
- Designated QTC-Distressed Area
- Also borders 4 other QTC-Distressed census tracts
- 9.6% unemployment rate



### **Project Highlights**

- Real Estate: Healthcare Facility Expansion
- Total Project Cost: \$6.9 million
- NMTC: \$1 million
- Other financing: AMCORE Bank, Bureau of Primary Healthcare
- Jobs: 10 new full time employees