



Jericho Road Ministries Factsheet

Jericho Road Ministries began 5 years ago as a not-for-profit, faith-based adjunct to Jericho Road Family Practice, which has provided safety-net medical care in Buffalo for over 10 years. Its mission is to strengthen the character and relationships of families, children, and individuals through attention to health, wellness, education, and spirituality based on mutual respect, understanding, and trust.

Programs: Jericho Road Ministries has seven major programs, which seek to address holistically the needs of the Family Practice patients and other Buffalo residents.

- a. **The Basic Needs Pantry** fills a gap in the services of local food and clothing by partnering with youth programs of local churches, agencies, and organizations to supply Westside residents with basic, environmentally-friendly cleaning and hygiene products, on an as-needed basis while facilitating each client's self-sufficiency.
- b. **The Diabetes Center of Excellence** partners local medical providers and churches to address diabetes and other chronic illnesses through the utilization of minority diabetes educators and UB students who provide training and support for diabetic self-management in minority communities.
- c. **The Faith-Based Resource Center** facilitates networking, the reduction of overlapping services, and the identification of gaps in services among churches and other faith-based institutions. The Center also enables faith-based institutions to evaluate the health of its members and the community and to create corresponding health ministries and fairs to address the uncovered needs.
- d. **Financially Fit** offers free, basic financial education to refugee and low-income women. The program seeks to share knowledge of financial systems, like bank accounts, loans, and credit, along with basic budget techniques in order to empower participants to a healthier financial lifestyle.
- e. **The Priscilla Project** pairs vulnerable and medically at-risk low-income or refugee women with mentors who befriend them and walk with them through health, housing, parenting, and other daily difficulties. The program also utilizes social workers and educational sessions to increase participants' understanding of cultural systems, like the healthcare system, social services, etc.
- f. **Reach Out and Read** makes pediatric check-ups at Jericho Road Family Practice a chance to foster children's love for reading by enabling doctors to periodically give children a new age-appropriate book, encouraging positive parent-child interaction and improved school-readiness within communities of poverty.
- g. **Westside Read and Play** uses the gifts of developmentally-stimulating books and toys at weekly home visits with toddlers both in order to increase their school-readiness and to model positive verbal interaction to their parents. These two goals build upon each other to break the pattern of poor long-run school performance in children of low-income households.

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