

## **Congratulations! Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic (LBUCC) Breaks Ground on Its New Clinic in Oak Cliff**

On Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic broke ground on a new clinic to be located at 4732 W. Illinois Avenue, Dallas, TX 75211. The new clinic will be located on 6.88 acres of land located in an area long considered medically-underserved. The center was awarded a \$5 million federal grant to establish the 21,000 square foot clinic on land purchased with cash from its reserves and proceeds from local fundraising. Los Barrios Unidos Chief Executive Officer, Leonor Marquez, stated, “It is nearly a miracle when everything comes together in order to expand access to health care for an underserved community.”

With a scheduled opening of summer 2014, the new clinic will provide a variety of pediatric and adult primary care services, and will be initially staffed by three doctors, one registered nurse, mental health professionals, and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program staff. The new clinic will be a sister-property of the West Dallas campus, which offers similar services at deeply discounted rates. Both clinics will be open to anyone regardless of ability to pay.

“The addition of the clinic at this location is a true asset to the community,” stated Councilwoman Delia Jasso, Chairwoman of the Access South Advisory Board, and “that besides being beautiful, the downstream benefits of the new clinic are impressive with its operating budget generating \$4.9 million in economic output annually and \$2.8 million in purchasing power.”

Since opening in two trailers in 1972, Los Barrios Unidos has grown to serve, on average, 23,000 individual patients a year, including at a satellite clinic in Grand Prairie. About two-thirds of its patients are uninsured. The clinic has been Joint Commission Accredited since 1998.

