Lack of access to primary healthcare is a major barrier faced by homeless and uninsured patients. Chronic illnesses often go untreated, and health care costs escalate, as these individuals persistently rely on emergency room services for basic healthcare.

To address these challenges, Orange Blossom Family Health was founded in 1993 as Health Care Center for the Homeless, Inc. to provide healthcare to homeless and uninsured residents in Orlando. Since that time, OBHF has grown to 8 locations across Central Florida, serving over 20,000 unduplicated patients in 2017 with medical, dental, vision, prescription, and behavioral healthcare. Of these patients, 75% live below poverty level, and 70% are uninsured.

Using New Markets Tax Credits financing, OBHF will build a new 11,600 square foot facility in Orlando that will annually reach an estimated additional 5,000 homeless and low-income individuals in a medically underserved area. The Ivey Lane clinic will serve as a comprehensive healthcare home to the low-income community and will include 15 medical exam rooms, 8 dental operatories, 4 behavioral health offices, pharmacy, vision exam room, x-ray lab, urgent care room, laboratory, and administrative offices. No other medical providers in this zip code currently offer sliding fees for service or care regardless of ability to pay.

OBHF currently partners with Florida Hospital and Orlando Health to direct emergency room patients to OBHF for follow-up and ongoing primary healthcare. The Ivey Lane clinic is also part of the City of Orlando and Orange County CDBG Comprehensive Plans.

Florida Community Loan Fund (FCLF) provided $6.1 million in federal NMTCs for Orange Blossom Family Health at Ivey Lane. The investor is Northern Trust. Additionally, FCLF provided $2.2 million financing through its community development loan program.

“We strive to ensure quality healthcare for all community members, regardless of financial situation. Our partnership with FCLF is allowing us to build a facility that is attractive, welcoming, and state of the art – that our patients, staff, and community will be proud of.”

– Bakari Burns, President & CEO
Orange Blossom Family Health