

  
**1995**



Primary Care and Women's services flourish and more specialty care is brought into the community to meet the growing need- these include Internal Medicine and Oncologist visits every other week to see insured and uninsured breast cancer patients.

  
**1996**



Opens general primary care satellite clinic in impoverished and officially designated Medically Underserved Area (MUA) of downtown San Diego. More than 1200 patients are served in the first year where no care would have been provided.

  
**1997**



Receives California State designated Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) "look alike" status enabling needed access to partial reimbursements for services for some patients. This was the best available option provided to clinics when no FQHC certification was available at the Federal level (during a 20 year gap). The formidable application and approval process illustrated La Maestra's staying power and paved the way to achieving FQHC status. This milestone dramatically increased the clinic's ability to serve more patients.