



## Someone to lean on

### ■ Pandemic can't slow Westminster clinic

**OFFERING SUPPORT**—Over 750 people have received healthcare services at Westminster Free Clinic in Thousand Oaks in the past two months; the majority are women. The clinic has also ramped up its food distribution efforts.

Sara was just getting back on her feet after her workplace closed due to the Woolsey fire over a year ago. But now, with COVID-19, the local mom is financially in trouble again as she waits for businesses to reopen in Thousand Oaks so she can get back to work.

Sara is like many other low-wage hourly workers in Ventura County who have lost their hospitality and service jobs and are scrambling to make ends meet.

For such workers, support is available from Westminster

Free Clinic in T.O.

Since the pandemic began, Westminster has been offering telemedicine for existing patients. In-person medical visits are also offered weekly on a limited basis. New patients are being accepted.

Services are made possible by volunteer medical providers.

“The number of people seeking care who have lost their jobs and health insurance keeps growing,” said Lisa Safaeinili, clinic executive director. “Since the start of the pandemic, new

patients are coming weekly to WFC seeking help.”

Over 750 people have received treatment at the clinic in the past two months; the majority are women, Safaeinili said. Dental work and mental health support are also offered.

WFC has increased its food distribution efforts. Fresh produce and staple foods including rice and beans are distributed weekly to over 250 families.

For more information, call (805) 241-8366 or go to [westminsterclinic.org](http://westminsterclinic.org).

