

JeffHOPE

(Health, Opportunities, Prevention, and Education)



One of Jefferson's most robust community service programs, JeffHOPE began in 1991 with a group of medical students who saw an opportunity to enhance their education while helping to meet the healthcare needs of Philadelphia's homeless citizens.

This completely volunteer activity has become one of the most important hallmarks of a Jefferson education; one that values empathy, teamwork and community engagement.

Today, more than 700 students – about 70 percent of SKMC's student population – volunteer annually at six clinics across the city, diagnosing and treating everything from the common cold to appendicitis and providing health screenings and education. JeffHOPE initiatives touch more than 2,500 patients every year.

On April 9, 2015, Jefferson's JeffHOPE program received an award for long-standing partnerships at the **2015 Corporate Giving Awards** sponsored by the **Philadelphia Business Journal**.