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Since then, the clinic has steadily grown, and offers even more services to those that need it the most at a new location.

Martin Luther King Jr. believed that a society should be judged by the condition of its least-well-off members. Ginsberg explained that the clinic applies the same principle to community health.

"The community is only as healthy as those who have the least," she said.

Smith said that she routinely encountered people, including the Katrina evacuees, who had ailments that went untreated because they couldn't afford a doctor. She knew diabetics who went without insulin, and others who hadn't seen a physician in over five years.

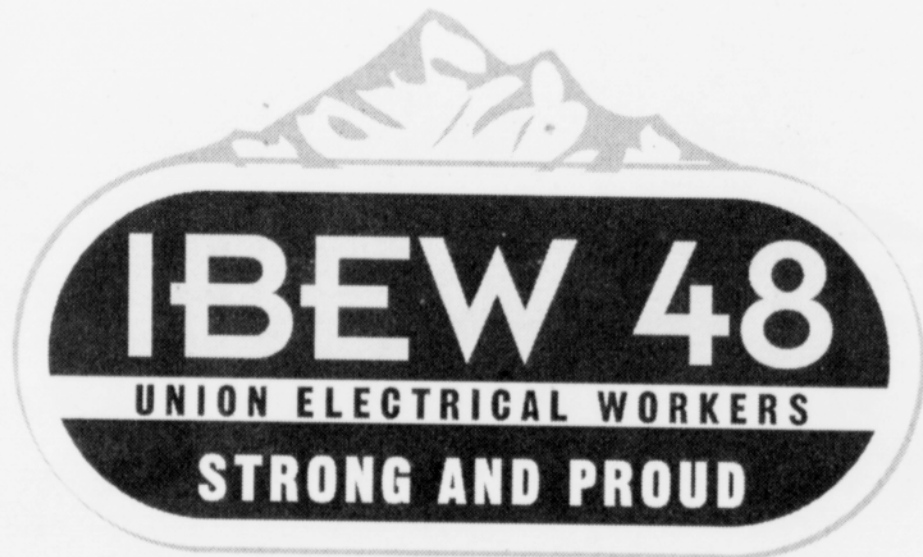
"I thought, if we had a free clinic this wouldn't be a problem," she said.

After Smith floated her proposal, Ginsberg asked her employer, Kaiser Permanente, if



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 Pastor Mary Overstreet Smith (right), the co-founder of the North by Northeast Community Health Center, chats with Suzy Jeffreys, the clinic manager.

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Civil Rights Era Leaders:

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Lola Hendricks (1932-): activist, local leader in Birmingham Campaign

Julius Wilson Hobson (1919-1977): organizer, agitator, researcher, plaintiff

Myles Horton (1905-1990): teacher of nonviolence, pioneer activist

Jesse Jackson (1941-): clergyman, activist, politician

June Jordan (1936-2002): writer, poet, civil rights activist, feminist

Coretta Scott King (1927-2006): Martin Luther King's wife and fellow civil rights activist.

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968): clergyman, SCLC co-founder and president, activist

James Lawson (1928-): teacher of nonviolence, activist

Bernard Lafayette (1940-): SCLC and SNCC activist and organizer

Joseph Lowery (1921-): SCLC leader, activist

Clara Luper (1923-): Sit-in movement leader, activist

Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993): an eminent American jurist, best remembered for his legal policies in the fields of criminal procedures and civil rights

James Meredith (1933-): independent student leader and self-starting activist

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