

Implementation of a Student-Led Interprofessional Foot Clinic for an Unhoused Population

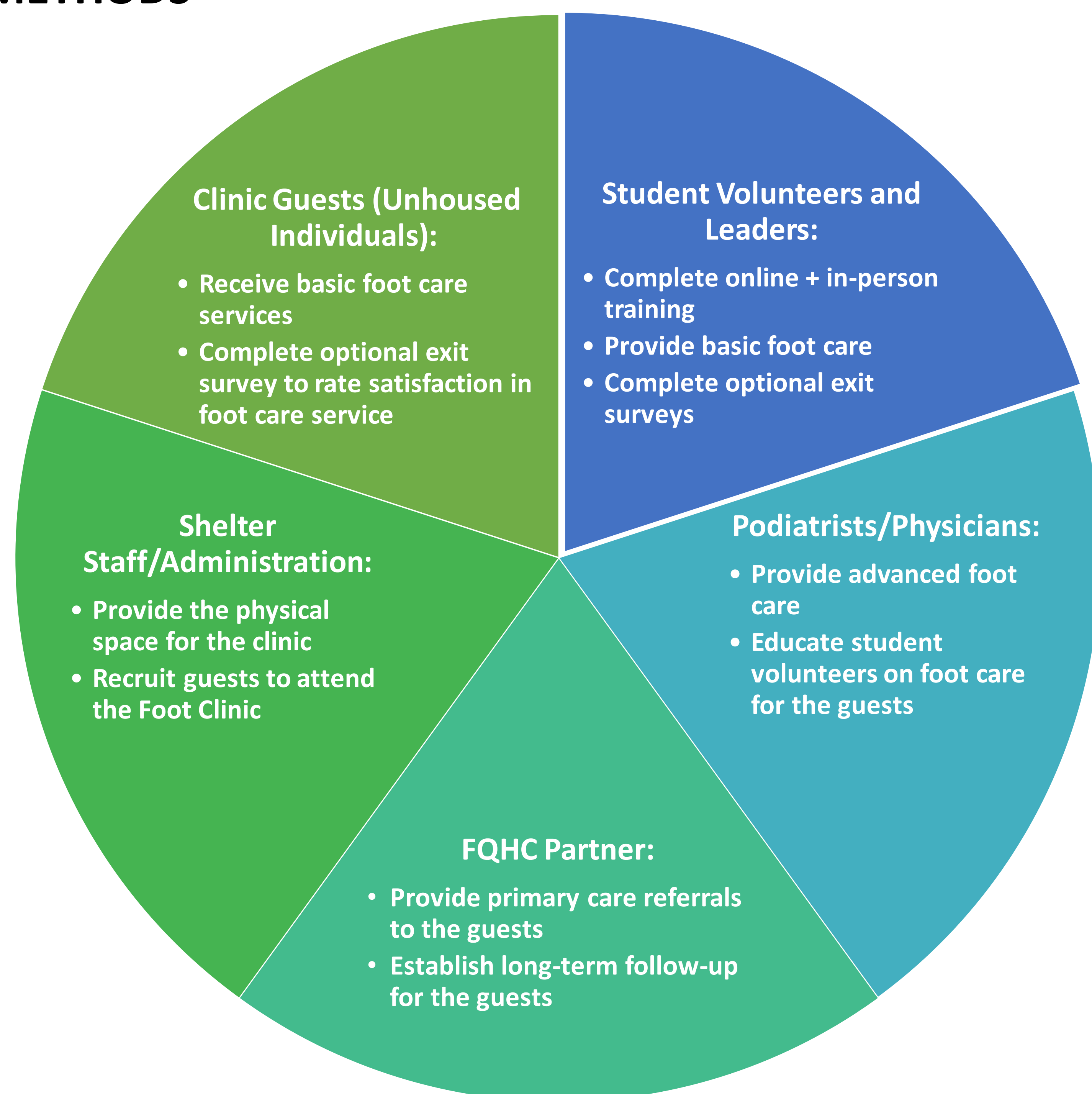
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INTRODUCTION

- Unhoused individuals benefit from receiving regular preventative foot care services¹
- A quarterly foot clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado that operates solely on volunteer support, provides foot care including foot washing, toenail trimming, callous care, wound care, and specialized services provided by podiatrists
- The purpose of this project is to describe the process of operating a student-led foot-clinic in an underserved area
- Interprofessional volunteer recruitment and retainment remains an essential part of the clinic's success

METHODS



The Colorado Springs Foot Clinic, a student-led campus-community collaboration, offers essential healthcare services to unhoused individuals with emphasis on volunteer support and fulfilling an unmet need within the community.

RESULTS

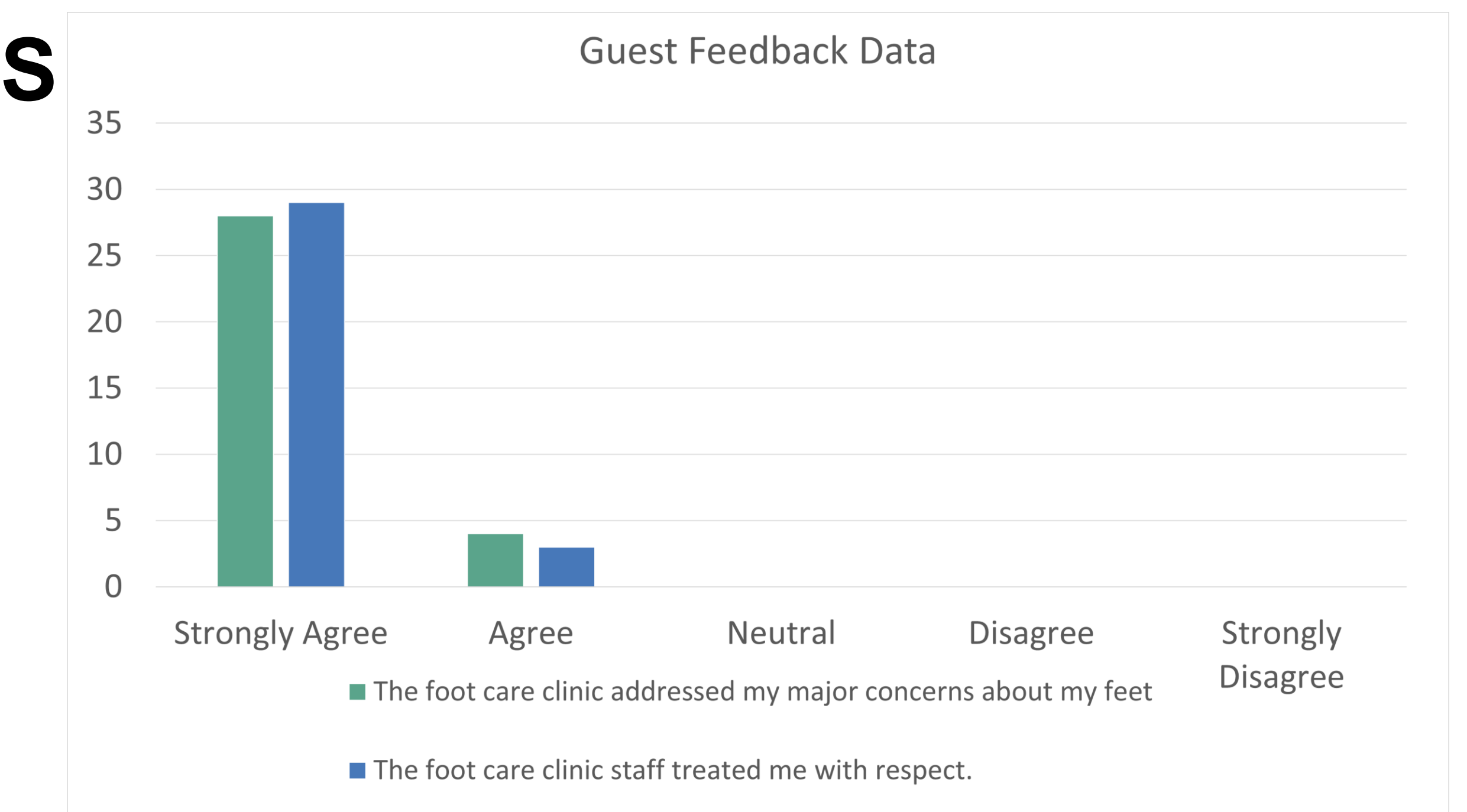


Figure 1. Guest Feedback Survey responses to Likert-scale questions (N=431). Amongst all clinics, 87.01% of guests rated the care they received as “excellent”.

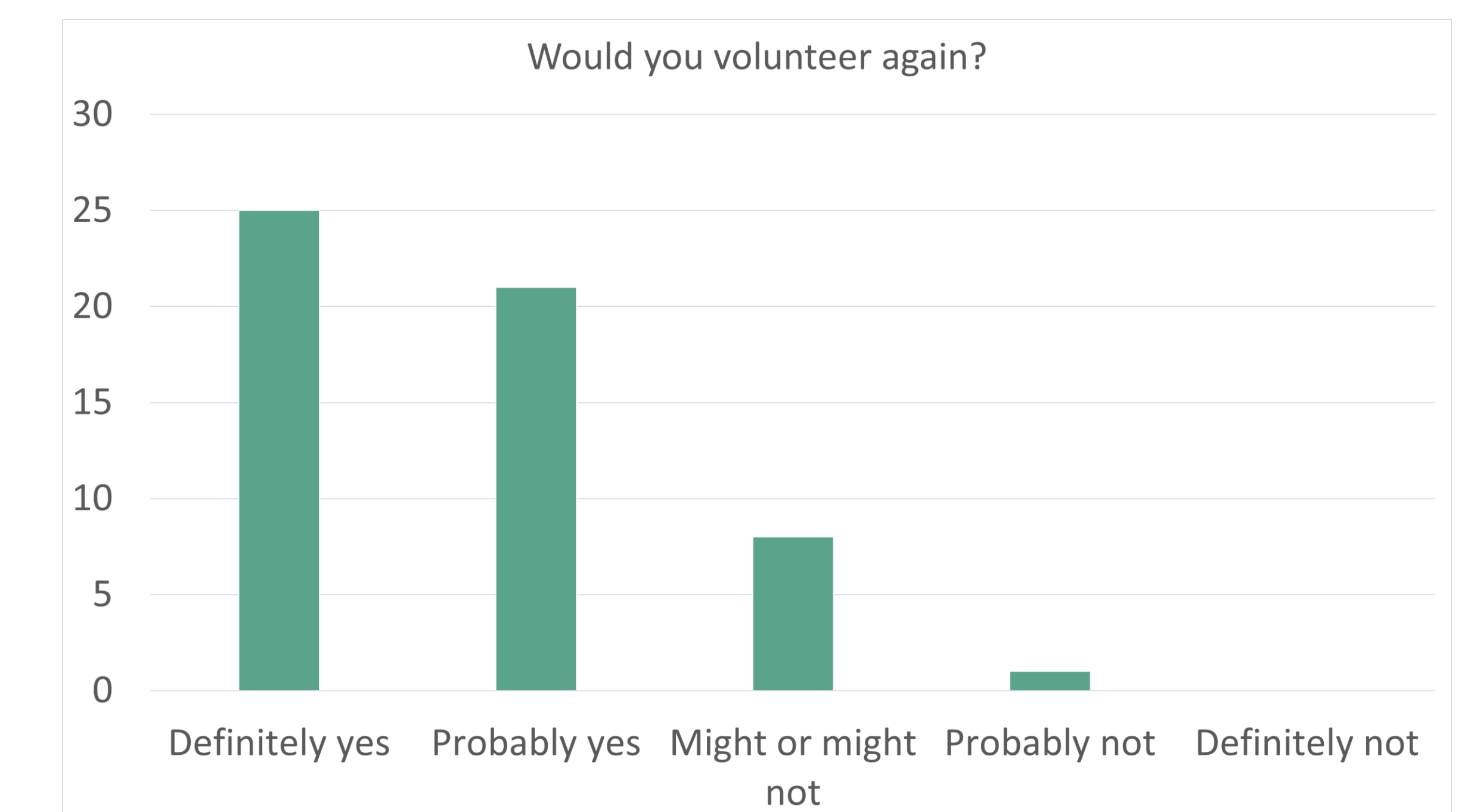


Figure 2. Volunteer post-clinic responses to a question asking their willingness to volunteer again (N=55). Overall, 99.88% of volunteers stated they were “definitely” or “very likely” to volunteer again.

DISCUSSION

- There is a mutually beneficial relationship that the Foot Clinic serves: the guests obtain foot care, and the volunteers receive invaluable training working with this population.
- The Foot Clinic has provided health care services to individuals experiencing homelessness, and has the potential to be replicated in other communities as a resource for this population

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