

CHARITABLE PHARMACY OF CENTRAL OHIO, INC.

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BRIDGING THE GAP

OPEN HOUSE BRINGS IN A CROWD

More than 120 people attended the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio's Open House on Tuesday, March 9. Guests from various social service agencies, health care centers, and churches were among those enjoying tours of the Pharmacy. The evening's program provided a glimpse of the Pharmacy's history, its generous supporters, and its role in providing quality healthcare to all citizens of Franklin County. Guest speakers included Jeff Biehl, President of Access Health Columbus;



CP Board Members Jeff Biehl (left) and Jim Donnan (right), with Rev. Henry Stringer (center), Superintendent, Capital South District of the United Methodist Church.

Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown; Alvin Jackson, director of the Ohio Department of Health; and Michael Rosati, President of Rosati Windows. Nationwide Children's Hospital provided the refreshments.

PHARMACY STAYING BUSY IN FIRST SIX WEEKS

The Charitable Pharmacy has not lacked for patients in its first six weeks. Since opening on February 26, the Pharmacy has seen more than 120 patients and filled at least 400 prescriptions. These numbers are on track with Executive Director Allan Zaenger's predictions of serving 900 patients through the end of 2010. Helping handle the fast growth of the Pharmacy are several new staff members and an increasing number of volunteers. Staff members of the Pharmacy include:

- Allan Zaenger, Executive Director & Pharmacist;
- Jenni Siefert, Associate Pharmacist;
- Tara Schiller, Pharmacy Specialist;
- Mariellyn Dunlap, Patient Services Coordinator; and
- Pamela Carter, Hospitality Aide.

Volunteers are still needed; interested persons should contact Mariellyn Dunlap by emailing charitablepharmacy@gmail.com.

PATIENT FEEDBACK CONSISTENTLY POSITIVE

During its first six weeks in operation, the staff of the Charitable Pharmacy have received consistently positive feedback from its patients. Below is one such comment, from the Pharmacy's very first patient:

"My story begins with God sending me some help with my husband's medication. He has a heart condition, high blood pressure, high cholesterol. When I prayed, He answered and gave me two blessings – the Charitable Pharmacy and Mr. Allan and staff who also helped with seeing a doctor in order to get medicine for my husband. I want to thank you all for what you do to help the need. You all are truly a blessing...you make a difference. God bless and thank you."

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Executive Director Allan Zaenger gives guests a tour of the pharmacy.

NEWS SPOTLIGHT

The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio's hours have changed as of April 1. The Pharmacy is now open:

- Mondays, 9a.m. - 4p.m.
- Wednesdays, 9a.m. - 4p.m.
- Fridays, 9a.m. - 1p.m.

New patients are asked to call to make an appointment with the Pharmacy. This ensures that the patient's medications are available and cuts down on wait times. Patients or agencies may call 614-227-0301 during business hours to make an appointment.



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