Charitable Pharmacy Recognized with National Award for Innovative Practice

The national Pharmacy Quality Alliance and the Community Pharmacy Foundation recently recognized CPCO with its inaugural award for Community Pharmacy Innovations. This recognition celebrates a community pharmacy that, in collaboration with external partners, has developed innovative programs resulting in improved quality of care, medication optimization, and patient outcomes.

"With the support of our community, and collaboration with The Ohio State University and the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, we reduce hospitalizations, stabilize healthcare security for our patients, and coordinate care in our community," Executive Director Jennifer Seifert said. "This award energizes us and encourages our efforts. We will continue to advocate for our patients’ right to access critically needed medications."

The Charitable Pharmacy also received the 2018 Excellence in Community Partnership Award in May from The Ohio State University.

"The quality of care for patients is enhanced by an ongoing partnership with The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy," explained Kristin Casper, an OSU faculty member who works with students at the Charitable Pharmacy. "Over 300 advanced pharmacy students have assisted with patient care since the pharmacy opened."

OSU Women & Philanthropy Helps Diabetic Women Receive Critical Medicine and Care

Pharmacy staff gathered at the Longaberger Alumni House this past Tuesday to accept a generous $47,500 grant from this unique group. To participate, each member commits an annual gift in her own name to a pool of funds. The grant will support Total Care for Women with Diabetes, a program to assist underserved women at the Charitable Pharmacy with all aspects of their diabetes care. Through the program, CPCO will provide patients with medications to control blood sugar, testing strips pill boxes to help patients improve medication adherence, and educational materials.
OSU College of Public Health Students Gain Valuable Experience Creating Business Plan

During each visit, patients meet one-on-one with a pharmacist or advanced pharmacy intern to help them understand their medicine, check health markers like blood pressure and blood glucose, confirm adherence, and develop an action plan patients can share with their physicians. The pharmacy is investigating billing for this service to create an earned income stream. To help, a group of OSU Masters of Health Administration students recently developed a business plan as part of their capstone project. Congratulations and thank you to (from left to right) Amanda Stopek, Esther Olsen, Brady Corless, and Lizzy Johnsen.

“We’re thrilled with the collaboration because it provides our students with a tremendous educational opportunity not only to learn about the pharmacy and its work, but also to better understand the sector as a whole,” Julie Robbins, Ph.D., Master of Health Administration Program Director and Assistant Clinical Professor at the OSU College of Public Health explained.

AmerisourceBergen Invests in New Pharmacy Technician and Safe Medication Disposal

The AmerisourceBergen Foundation recently made a gift to fund a new pharmacy technician position. The new technician will help prepare prescriptions, work with pharmacy interns and volunteers, and participate in the overall quality assurance program for the pharmacy. In addition, AmerisourceBergen provided 2,000 Deterra bags, which deactivate drugs to prevent drug misuse and protect the environment. We are grateful for this new partnership.

Rx Riders Continues to Grow and Roll On

Thirty-nine riders gathered on May 5, for the second annual fundraising event. This year, their efforts raised nearly $13,000 to purchase medication for our patients with breathing conditions like asthma and COPD. Thanks to Presenting Sponsor German Village Guest House and Big Wheel Donors Metz Dental, Club 185, and Little Palace.