Jennifer Seifert Named Executive Director

The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio named Jennifer Seifert, RPh, MS, in February.

Seifert is Residency Program Director for the PGY1 Community Care Program at The Ohio State University and has served as Director of Clinical Services at the Charitable Pharmacy since its opening in 2010.

Seifert led the establishment and growth of a robust advanced intern education program in which nearly 200 pharmacy interns from The Ohio State College of Pharmacy have experienced month-long rotations. She also sought and implemented a pharmacist residency program, which hosts two residents a year and received Clinical Site of the Year in 2011. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in 2012.

“The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio has been a truly wonderful place for me to practice pharmacy for the past six years,” Seifert said. “I look forward to increasing pharmacy services for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Former Director Honored for Service

In recognition of his more than six years of exemplary service, founding Executive Director Allan Zaenger was awarded an Outstanding Service Award by the 2016 Board of Directors at a reception held in his honor.

“As the Board contemplated a way to recognize and honor our founding Executive Director and his outstanding service to the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, we created
a Service Award named The Allan F. Zaenger Outstanding Service Award," board president Cyndy Garn explained. "Of course with immense gratitude for his service, we named him the first recipient."

Rev. James Donnan of Livingston United Methodist Church, a Charitable Pharmacy board member, was one of the founders who hired Zaenger. "Because of the mission and vision of the Charitable Pharmacy, Allan was able to integrate his professional pharmaceutical skills with his spiritual desire to serve underinsured and uninsured patients in Franklin County," Donnan said.

**Bishop Inspires Open House Attendees**

Rev. Bishop Gregory V. Palmer visited the Charitable Pharmacy in March to preach about the importance of giving back in the community. More than forty members of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church turned out for the sermon, tours, and lunch with the Bishop.

"I continue to rejoice in the ministry of the Charitable Pharmacy. On a daily basis they are closing the gaps and plugging the holes for those who are underserved by the main stream delivery systems," Palmer said. "This is the church at work on things that really matter. I have every reason to believe that God finds pleasure in this."

**Mental Health Project Gets Underway**

Approximately one in five adults in the United States lives with mental illness. At the Charitable Pharmacy, we work to better understand the needs of our patients with mental health conditions and help connect them to available resources. Thanks to generous support from the John Charles Sharon Fund of The Columbus Foundation, a new project includes distribution of patient education materials developed by Ohio Minds Matter. During their patient counseling session, patients are offered a toolkit and information about general coping strategies as well as community resources. The two-month initiative will culminate in a Mental Health Awareness Day on June 23, which will feature practitioners who can talk with patients, as well as information booths to provide patients with community resources that can help them and their families better understand and manage mental health conditions.