

# Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio

BRIDGING THE GAP



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# NEWSLETTER

Charitable Pharmacy staff have been busy this spring as we continue to reach our low-income neighbors with the medicines and health services they need. We attended and held numerous outreach events in the spring to increase awareness of our programs and services. This work can't happen without your support. Please visit our website to become a monthly sustainer of the Charitable Pharmacy's work to help Bridge the Gap for those in need.

**United for Impact:** Thank you to everyone supporting us in early May during the week-long United Way's United for Impact Campaign. The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio raised nearly \$11,000. Overall, The United Way's United for Impact campaign was a huge success with 74 Central Ohio non-profit organizations leveraging over \$650,000 with over 1,200 unique donors and 17 corporate sponsors.

**Increase in services continues:** We are still experiencing increased demand at both our Livingston and Linden locations. Our patients services team worked hard and completed reauthorization process to gather updated income documentation and requalify all of our patients for another 12 month period. This process was paused during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Summer Events:** Fundraising events return this summer to support the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio. We encourage you to join in the upcoming bike ride and golf outing this summer. The bike ride will be both virtual and in-person this year so please plan to participate and share the events with family and friends.

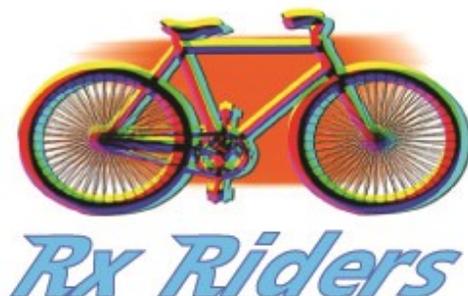
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**Please donate today at:  
[www.charitablepharmacy.org/donate](http://www.charitablepharmacy.org/donate)**

## Summer Events Return Supporting the Charitable Pharmacy

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rx Riders Bike Ride to be held July 23rd



This annual event helps us to provide medication and pharmaceutical services at no cost to vulnerable individuals and families in Franklin County. The ride began in 2017 while Rev. Jim Donnan, of Livingston United Methodist Church, joined friends on a bike ride from Cincinnati to Cleveland and turned it into a one man fundraising campaign inviting friends to support his ride. His effort has now grown to an annual event with around forty riders. This year's ride begins and ends in Bexley with a free lunch and a chance to visit with riders while supporting the Charitable Pharmacy. There is something for everyone with participation options including a virtual component, 35 mile ride and a 60 mile ride. Join the Rx Riders today by registering at: <https://charitablepharmacy.org/rxriders>

### Golf with your friends in the Fore Christ Golf Tournament to Support the Charitable Pharmacy

The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio is fortunate to again be the designated charity of choice for the Lord of Life Lutheran Church's Fore Christ Golf Tournament. The event is being held this year at the Chapel Hill Golf Course in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Golfers will enjoy a great day of golfing followed by dinner. The church has a few holes remaining for sponsorship and spots will fill up fast for this popular golf outing. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/ForeChrist2022>

**Support the Charitable Pharmacy by sponsoring a hole and/or registering your golf foursome TODAY!**

## Resident Led Research Project Presentation: Designing Produce Prescriptions



Dr. Jameliah Brown, pharmacy resident, presented her research project - Designing Produce Prescriptions to guests from the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation.

## Astra Zeneca staff site visit to the Charitable Pharmacy



**Pictured L to R:** Colleen O'Brien, Senior Program Manager, AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation; R. Taylor Reed, PharmD, Executive Director, Charitable Pharmacy; Martha Orzechowski, Executive Director, AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation; Kristen Slangerup, PhD Scientific Partnerships Medical Director, AstraZeneca US; Isaac Baez, Linden Marke Managert; Von Carter, CPhT, Patient Engagement, Charitable Pharmacy; Beth Collier, LSW, Patient Services Manager, Charitable Pharmacy; Dr. James Blasetto, MD, MPH, FACC Patient Engagement Chair, AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation

## Astra Zeneca Cardiovascular Care Program

Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio's Farmacy in the City Heart Health Program makes great strides during year two.

The Charitable Pharmacy has made great strides helping patients with their cardiovascular health thanks to our Farmacy in the City: Cardiovascular Care program funded by the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation's Connections for Cardiovascular Health Next Generation program grant. Program services and goals include improving patients' access to fresh produce with prescriptions for fresh food, cooking classes, meal planning ideas, and tools such as body weight scales and blood pressure monitors for patients to use at home to track their progress.

In May, staff from the AstraZeneca Foundation visited our Linden Pharmacy Location. The grant site visit was a great opportunity to celebrate our work and impact on patient's health. 40% of the Cardiovascular Care Health program participants have shown a 5% reduction in body weight between check-in visits. The face to face meeting between our pharmacy staff and AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation staff showed the daily reality and impact of our work which simply can't completely be reflected in grant reports. Discussions included the real life benefits to our patients in managing blood pressure, gaining access to medicine, setting and achieving goals, having increased access to healthy fresh fruits and vegetables. We appreciate AstraZeneca's support and recognize that we couldn't do this impactful work regarding cardiovascular health without their support.

## Spring Outreach Events



Pharmacy staff during the Resource Fair at Linden Recreation Center in March. We spoke to many local residents, distributed COVID tests and health information. Staff signed up 25 new patients for health screening appointments for Charitable Pharmacy services.



Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio's information table at the Columbus Museum of Art's Art is for Everyone Event in April.

## Easter Event at the Linden Health Hub - Linden Pharmacy and Linden Market



Information, candy and coloring books were passed out for Easter thanks to our staff, Community Development for All People, Nationwide Children's Hospital, plus many others. We enjoyed meeting our neighbors and spreading the word about our services at the Linden Pharmacy and Linden Market Spring Easter event.

### Staff Profile

#### Patient Services - Making Connections in Linden

##### Von Carter, Patient Services Representative-

Von (Stevon) Carter, CPhT, joined the Charitable Pharmacy in late 2021 as a Certified Pharmacy Tech. Von recently began his new role as Patient Service Representative, with the patient services team to increase knowledge of our available services in the Linden Community. For nearly 10 years, Von has worked in the pharmacy field in retail, hospital, and compounding pharmacy work. Von is devoted to his work to build relationships with patients, linking them with other social service agencies and expanding the pharmacy's non-profit collaborations.



Von's personal faith and desire to help others was his calling to join the Charitable Pharmacy Team. "I have seen and experienced first-hand what a lack of resources and information can do to an individual and entire neighborhood. I view my outreach position as an opportunity to give back by being a part of the change that's needed to move patients past the economic and health barriers they face," shared Von. He enjoys writing poetry and music and lives in Columbus with his wife Ololade.



#### **Upcoming Summer Events:**

- **RxBike Ride July 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Fore Christ Golf Outing July 30<sup>th</sup>**