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CHARITABLE PHARMACY OF CENTRAL OHIO ONE OF NINE INNOVATIVE HEART HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO RECEIVE GRANT FROM ASTRAZENECA HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

COLUMBUS, OH, Sept. 29, 2020 – The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio’s innovation and commitment to improve the heart health of Franklin County residents was recognized with a grant from the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation’s *Connections for Cardiovascular HealthSM Next Generation* program. The \$149,444 grant will fund the *Farmacy in the City: Cardiovascular Care at a Co-located Pharmacy and Fresh Market* program. The program will launch at the Charitable Pharmacy’s Livingston Avenue site in October and transition to the second Charitable Pharmacy location opening in South Linden in Spring 2021.

Farmacy in the City is one of nine programs to receive funding through the *Connections for Cardiovascular HealthSM Next Generation* program. The program, which builds on the Foundation’s [*Connections for Cardiovascular HealthSM*](#) program and 10 years of lessons learned to address a leading cause of death in the nation, launched on World Heart Day to elevate awareness of cardiovascular disease and ways to address it at the community level.

“As a pharmacist, I know that cardiovascular health can be improved by incorporating a better diet as a complement to a well-managed prescription medication regimen,” Jennifer Seifert, executive director of the Charitable Pharmacy said. “We are excited to co-locate a second location with a fresh market to emphasize ‘food as medicine’.”

The grant from the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation will help patients with cardiovascular disease, obesity or hypertension lose weight, reduce blood pressure, and optimize their medication regimen. The program pairs healthy food (fresh produce) with pharmacy care.

“Through *CCH Next Generation*, we’re expanding the reach of our program to new communities to continue working to improve heart health across the country,” said James W. Blasetto, MD, MPH, FACC, chairman of the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation. “We’re proud to be supporting the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio and look forward to seeing how they help meet their community’s unmet cardiovascular needs.”

For more information about the *Farmacy in the City* program or the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, please contact Jennifer Seifert at jennifer.charitablepharmacy@gmail.com.

About the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio

[The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio](#) provides non-narcotic prescription medicine and pharmacy services at no cost to Franklin County residents living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Since opening in 2010, it has filled more than 500,000 prescriptions for a total market value of more than \$50 million in pharmacy services and medication.

Each time patients visit, they speak with a pharmacist or advanced pharmacy intern to receive extensive medication counseling. Check-up components include a review of the patient's medication regimen, identification of any drug-related problems like adherence and adverse side effects, and the creation of an action plan to share with physicians and other health care professionals to help maximize the benefits of patient's medications. When appropriate, the pharmacy also provides links to other social service agencies.

About AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation

Established in 1993, the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation is a Delaware not-for-profit corporation and a 501(c)(3) entity, separate from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, organized for charitable purposes including to promote public awareness and education of healthcare issues and support nonprofit organizations consistent with its charitable purpose. [Connections for Cardiovascular HealthSM](#) was launched in 2010 and has received \$35 million in charitable contributions from AstraZeneca to date. The program has awarded over \$24.8 million in grants to 58 organizations nationwide. More than 1.7 million people have been reached by the program and over 65,000 people have had their heart health progress tracked through a variety of Grant Awardees' programs. For more information and the latest updates, follow the Foundation on Facebook ([@AstraZenecaHealthCareFoundation](#)), Twitter ([@ConnectCVHealth](#)) and YouTube ([ConnectionsCVHealth](#)).

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