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Sharing the Pharmacy Vision

Most people agree that a Charitable Pharmacy is a good idea; few, however, realize the planning, coordination, and vision required to make the Pharmacy a reality. Garnering community support, raising the funds for purchasing generic medications and paying staff, establishing avenues for acquiring brand-name medications, applying for a license from the state board of pharmacy, and finding a passionate, compassionate director...all these and more make the creation of a Charitable Pharmacy a challenge...but certainly not impossible. For those interested in pursuing this vision, the Charitable Pharmacy will be offering a workshop designed to inform and stimulate ideas. Though a date has not yet been set, the Pharmacy staff would like to know how much interest might be generated around a workshop and information session. To express your interest, and be added to the email distribution list for further information, please send an email to charitablepharmacy@gmail.com.
Volunteer Spotlight

Mark Payne is one of the Charitable Pharmacy’s newest volunteers. He first came to the Pharmacy as a patient, referred by Alvis House, which works with individuals in transition from the criminal justice system as they reenter the community. In gratitude for the services the Pharmacy provided him, Mark asked if he could volunteer in some way that would allow him to give back. Starting out as a substitute door greeter, Mark’s dependability led the Pharmacy’s hospitality volunteer coordinator to offer him a ‘full-time’ position when another volunteer had to step down. “Mark’s commitment to the Charitable Pharmacy is commendable,” says Mariellyn Dunlap, who coordinates the Pharmacy’s hospitality volunteers. “Just looking at his history, you might assume that having a volunteer who’s been through the criminal justice system isn’t the best idea. But Mark breaks that stereotype, and I believe he’ll continue to do so in the future.”

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