Judy’s Story

Judy visited us in June to get antibiotics for her 10-month-old baby. She had been referred by her doctor since she couldn’t afford the medication on her limited income. As a single mom, she had asked a family member to care for her two other children so that she could come to the pharmacy. We sat down with her to explain the proper dosage and precautions, and during our discussion, Judy shared that she had recently learned she was expecting twins. More questions revealed that she was not yet taking prenatal vitamins. She left with those as well as her prescription, and we said goodbye, knowing that we had helped not one but four patients.

New Location Opens Doors

In March 2014, we opened a new satellite location at the Lower Lights Christian Health Center on West Broad Street in the Franklinton area of Columbus. Lower Lights is a Federally Qualified Health Center recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient Centered Medical Home, Level III—the highest level achievable. We’re proud to be part of serving the developing West Side!

Volunteer Spotlight: Harold Prisco

Hal Prisco knows a thing or two about medicine, having served as a hospital pharmacist before retiring in 2012. He came to the Charitable Pharmacy because he was looking to give back. “All of us here at the Charitable Pharmacy have a deep down desire to help other people,” he explains. “We all need to do that. We all need to pay it forward.” That’s our mission here at the Charitable Pharmacy, and we couldn’t do what we do without generous hearts like Hal’s. Thank you!
Our Mission

The Charitable Pharmacy’s primary mission is to provide affordable and appropriate pharmacy services* and coordinate access to health care for people who are vulnerable** in our community.

*Pharmacy Services: Medicines and necessary services to ensure optimum clinical outcomes.

**Vulnerable: Those living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level who are uninsured or underinsured for prescription medications.

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Partner Appreciation

The Charitable Pharmacy has long benefitted from a special relationship with The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. Post-graduate residents spend one year of in-depth clinical practice here, putting their classroom knowledge to good use in the community. This month, we began a shared faculty program with OSU, bringing Kristin Casper onsite to help with clinical and support services at the pharmacy and with physicians we work with to better serve our patients.

New Look, More News, Better Channels

We’ve redesigned our newsletter with a new title: Bridging the Gap to emphasize our mission of bridging the gap in prescription coverage for our vulnerable neighbors in Franklin County. To get even more up-to-date information, you can sign up for our new e-newsletter, delivered every two months, by sending an email to charitablepharmacy@gmail.com. Simply write “newsletter” in the title and we’ll add you to our list. You can also like us on Facebook.

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