

The Dispensary Update

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Dispensary to Offer New Webinar Series

As spring showers give way to warm summer months, we remain mindful of the tremendous work our many partners are doing on behalf of the growing uninsured population.

In an effort to help and support the good work being done, the Dispensary is happy to announce a new webinar series for our physician donors, dispensing sites and sponsors.

This series, entitled *Leveraging the Dispensary of Hope in Your Community*, will include semi-monthly webinars covering a myriad of topics. Sessions will be segmented into three primary categories according to audience and include specific topics such as:

Dispensing Sites

- Using the Dispensary to expand funding opportunities
- Partnering with patients through sliding fill fees

Physicians

- Finding solutions for your uninsured patients
- Understanding the true value of your donations

Sponsors

- Understanding the ways in which Dispensing Sites lower bad debt
- How to build stronger ties with local clinics in your area

While this is certainly not an exhaustive list, we hope these seminars will be useful to you. Free and accessible from any computer, we will be sending out a comprehensive calendar of dates and times in the coming weeks. If there is a specific topic you would like to cover, please don't hesitate to let us know directly and we'll do our best to ensure its inclusion.

Thank you again for your support of the Dispensary of Hope!

In Hope,
Jason Dinger
Dispensary of Hope

InterFaith Health Clinic joins Dispensary

Knoxville-based InterFaith Health Clinic and the Dispensary of Hope have formed a partnership to provide cost-effective prescription medicines to the working uninsured and low income residents of Knoxville, Tenn.

The partnership enables the InterFaith Health Clinic to provide more patients with access to a wider variety of medications at an affordable cost.

About InterFaith Health Clinic

Founded in 1991, the InterFaith Health Clinic opened its doors to serve those earning too much to qualify for government subsidized insurance and too little to afford private insurance. Since opening, the clinic has served more than 50,000 patients. The InterFaith Health Clinic provides accessible, affordable and quality health care to the low income, working uninsured, primarily through the support of the religious health care and business communities.



For more information, please visit: www.interfaithhealthclinic.org.



The Dispensary of Hope's Victoria Jones was in Philadelphia last week attending the American College of Physicians (ACP) - Internal Medicine Conference. Above is a picture of the Dispensary of Hope exhibit made possible through contributions from the Saint Thomas Health Services Foundation.

Network Spotlight: Pat Hudson

Pat Hudson is a Patient Services Representative for Saint Thomas Heart. Although Pat only began working for Saint Thomas Heart just over 2 years ago, she has worked in health care for most of her life.

Pat has played an integral role in the donations given from Saint Thomas Heart in Brentwood, Tenn. Her mother was an uninsured patient for many years and helping with the office's donations to the Dispensary of Hope has given Pat an opportunity to give back. With this inspiration, Pat and the Saint Thomas Heart Brentwood location have given over \$104,000 in sample medications for patients in need.

Dr. Bruce Wolf to Take on New Roles

The Dispensary of Hope was started by Dr. Bruce Wolf in 2003, and since then, Dr. Wolf's leadership and vision have helped the Dispensary evolve into a national entity.

On April 22, Dr. Wolf transitioned from his day-to-day relationship with the Dispensary to focus on a much broader platform of advocacy. Dr. Wolf will continue to be honored as Founder of the Dispensary and will serve as a key Advisor to the organization. As the Dispensary expands, Dr. Wolf's spirit and deep passion will continue to be embodied in the mission of the organization.

For a joint statement from Jason Dinger and Dr. Wolf regarding this transition, please visit [this link](#).

The Dispensary of Hope recently received local recognition from the *Farragut Press* in Farragut, Tenn. To read what Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale said of the Dispensary, [click here](#).