

# The Dispensary Update

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## Update From Scott Cornwell

The month of March has been very active for the Dispensary of Hope and its staff. Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to attend the annual Patient Assistance Program in Baltimore, Md. This comprehensive conference is designed to assist organizations in affecting strategies that enhance access to and awareness of PAPs, and sharing approaches used to navigate patients to PAPs. The wealth of information shared cannot be overstated.

During several of the conference presentations, I was reminded of the American architectural giant Louis Sullivan, who published the following in 1896:

*It is the pervading law of all things organic and inorganic,  
Of all things physical and metaphysical,  
Of all things human and all things super-human,  
Of all true manifestations of the head,  
That the life is recognizable in its expression,  
That form ever follows function. This is the law.*

At the Dispensary of Hope, our function remains focused on providing access to Tennesseans who are without prescription drug coverage and who have limited means of accessing them. As our network expands into a state-wide system, our form continues to be an elegant patient assistance model that provides opportunities for participation from many different sectors. These include, but are not limited to, pharmaceutical manufacturers, physicians, pharmacists and health care systems.

Given that we believe that there are more solutions than problems, we invite any and all participants to our collective table.

Sincerely,  
Scott Cornwell  
Managing Director, Dispensary of Hope

## Knox County Dispensary reaches \$1M mark in 2007

The Knox County Dispensary of Hope recently reached a milestone in its operation, crossing the \$1 million plateau in collection of sample donations. Since opening in March of 2006, The Knox County Dispensary of Hope has assisted more than 700 patients with obtaining vital prescription medications.

Beth Trumbull, of the Knox County Health Department, said the Dispensary plans to hold a small celebration commemorating the event.

"We would love for all to see our hidden treasure here so that we can begin to stop the waste of precious samples, prevent needless emergency room visits, and save lives," Trumbull said.

The celebration will be held at the Knox County Health Dept, located on 140 Dameron Ave in Knoxville, and will be held on Monday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m.



## More than 30 attend SPA IV conference

The Dispensary of Hope recently held its annual conference, **Strategies for Pharmaceutical Access IV**, which representatives from approximately 35 healthcare affiliates from across the state attended to learn more about the assistance program. Jim Shulman, Deputy Commissioner of Health for the State of Tennessee, made the following kind remarks regarding the Dispensary:

- "There is an amazing thing called the Dispensary of Hope. It is creative, it is accessible and it is not intimidating."
- "It uses common sense. It works. It is innovative and cost effective. It is easy to use and easy to understand, it is comfortable."
- "There are friendly people running it."
- "It is an effective use of resources. It is a partnership with the State and increases the State's ability to reach people it isn't reaching."
- "It is important to the State and to the safety net."
- "The State is impressed with this program and we are proud of it and proud to support it."

## Physicians Honored

March 30 is National Doctors Day. The Dispensary of Hope would like to send its gratitude and appreciation to all physicians and healthcare providers who diagnosis, treat and care for Tennessee residents and families. Thank you!

## About Us

The Dispensary of Hope is a not-for-profit network of physicians, pharmacies, corporations and dispensing partners that provide medicines to people across Tennessee who are experiencing financial hardship and lack prescription drug coverage. The Dispensary of Hope is striving to create a national network of partners that will join with the program to assist the poor and underserved get the medications they need. For more information, visit

[www.dispensaryofhope.org](http://www.dispensaryofhope.org)

## How to Participate

Donate your excess prescription samples to the Dispensary Distribution Center. The more free donations we receive, the more people we can help (please do not include expired medications). For information on how you can become a participant with the Dispensary of Hope program, please call (888)428-HOPE (4673) or email [info@dispensaryofhope.org](mailto:info@dispensaryofhope.org)

Refer patients who you believe may be in need and qualify for assistance.

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