

The Dispensary Update

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Report From Scott Cornwell

The Dispensary of Hope has its roots in the rising cost of prescription medications and health insurance. Many people across the United States often cannot afford either.

An unfortunate truth of the current economic troubles is that as Americans lose their jobs, many are losing not only their paychecks, but also their health insurance benefits.

While this perspective is certainly not lost on the staff of the Dispensary, I do feel it critical for all of us in the Dispensary of Hope network to realize the role we can play to support those who have suddenly found themselves needing a service like ours.

As we make our way through this holiday season, I encourage everyone to be thankful that we are in a position where we can reach out and help those who suddenly find themselves in need of a helping hand.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Scott Cornwell
*Managing Director,
Dispensary of Hope*

Dispensary Network – Expansion Update

The Dispensary has received two new letters of intent to open dispensing sites.

The Dispensary of Hope would like to recognize and thank these organizations for taking this important step to joining the Dispensary network:

- UNHS Clinic in Nashville, Tenn.
- CHARIS Health Center in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

To find out how you can become a dispensing site, visit www.dispensaryofhope.org and click on the "Become a Dispensary" link. Join us!

Holiday Hope Drive begins December 1

As the holiday season approaches, the Dispensary of Hope is launching a new initiative, the **Holiday Hope Drive**, during the month of December.

The drive is designed to encourage a friendly competition amongst providers to donate as many prescription medications as possible from December 1 through 31. At the conclusion of the contest, the top three physicians/practices who donated the most prescription medications via the secure bin system will be featured in the January edition of the Dispensary newsletter and on the Dispensary Web site.

For more information on the Holiday Hope Drive, contact Vicki Jones or Catherine Clinkscales at (888) 428-HOPE (4673).



Pictured above at the annual National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC) Conference in Providence, Rhode Island is Dan Simpson, Rep. Patrick Kennedy, Scott Cornwell and Julie Chupp.

Dispensary Delivers Presentation to Planetree National Conference

Dispensary of Hope founder Dr. Bruce Wolf and business development director Dan Simpson traveled to Chicago in October to the 2008 Annual Planetree Annual Conference.

The Dispensary of Hope received a "Healthy Communities" program award from Planetree in 2007. Saint Thomas Hospital's Plaza Pharmacy and the Dispensary were invited to the conference to present an update on its growth and discuss some of its best practices.

Wolf and Simpson delivered a presentation entitled "Meeting the Medication Needs of our Indigent Population," which highlighted the Dispensary as a replicable model for providing free medicine to uninsured or underinsured people. The presentation also discussed the positive impact a Dispensary can have on the financial burden of charity care to hospitals.

Dispensary Web site Refurbished, Re-launched

As we mentioned in the October edition of the Dispensary newsletter, our Web site, www.dispensaryofhope.org, has undergone a few changes and updates in the past month. We've added several new features, including new links to become a donating physician or to express your interest in becoming a dispensing site.

If you haven't logged on in a while, we encourage you not only to check us out, but to also share our site to anyone in the healthcare, volunteer and non-profit communities who you think may have interest in the Dispensary's mission.

Network Spotlight: Fredericka Carter

A native of Sunflower, Miss., Carter currently works for the Dispensary of Hope as a Distribution and Processing Associate in the Nashville warehouse. Carter is currently attending Nashville State Community College working towards her Associates degree in healthcare management. She also enjoys spending time with her daughter, Denise.

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