

# The Dispensary Update

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## Update From Scott Cornwell

With the holidays just around the corner, the Dispensary is making great strides in expanding our reach to new communities. We're proud to add three new dispensing sites in Tennessee and to see our second out-of-state site being planned for Binghamton, N.Y. We'll soon be looking for dispensing partners, volunteers and staff in each of these cities. If you know of anyone interesting in the Dispensary's efforts, please send them our way.

Meanwhile we're currently updating our Web site, [www.dispensaryofhope.org](http://www.dispensaryofhope.org), to add new content and have a refreshed look. This site should be up and running around mid-November.

The upcoming holidays always brings out our spirit of giving and charity. What better time of year to reach out to those in need and join the Dispensary network.

Sincerely,  
Scott Cornwell  
Managing Director,  
Dispensary of Hope

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## Dispensary receives new grant for \$50K

The Dispensary of Hope recently received a generous grant of \$50,000 from Joe C. Davis Foundation, a private charitable foundation based in Nashville, Tenn. that gives grants to enhance programs.

The grant is intended to fund the expansion of new partnering sites and operational infrastructure.

The Dispensary would like to send its gratitude to the Joe C. Davis Foundation for this incredible show of support.

## Dispensary named recipient of Ascension Health award

The Dispensary of Hope was recently named the recipient of a "Living the Mission and Values Award" by Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic, nonprofit health system. Ascension established the award to honor people and programs recommended by its associates for their dedication and commitment to Ascension's values. The award was presented at Ascension's annual leadership convention.

Each nominee is recognized as one which

- Demonstrates an extraordinary and recognized way to live the Mission and Values
- Inspires, supports and encourages others to embrace the Mission and Values
- Acts to enhance organizational commitment to living the Mission and Values

Ascension lauded the Dispensary for its creative approach in building community partnerships to provide prescription medicine to those who can't afford them, and to reduce hospitalization rates. The award recognized the Dispensary as an innovative and effective solution to the lack of access to pharmaceutical coverage for those who need it most.



## Four cities to launch new dispensing sites

Four communities are now in line to open new dispensing sites, thanks to letters of intent that were recently signed. The letters of intent are the first step in formalizing the plan to open a new site.

- Memorial Hospital Pharmacy in Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Centerville Clinic in partnership with Hickman Medical Center in Centerville, Tenn.
- Lyles Clinic in partnership with Hickman Medical Center in Lyles, Tenn.
- Binghamton Community Consortium in partnership with Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Binghamton, N.Y.

## Employee Spotlight: Beth Trumbull

Beth Trumbull is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Health Educator at the Dispensary of Hope at the Knox County Health Department. Trumbull is active in the Knoxville community, promoting the Dispensary program at large to gain partnerships for sample donations and referrals of uninsured patients.

Trumbull combines her community service by working with pharmacies to donate medicines to the Dispensary while helping Dispensary patients access other community services available through the Health Department. Beth serves on several community committees in an effort to stay informed on pressing issues facing patients who may need the Dispensary's services.

Born and raised in Knoxville, Trumbull has been working with the Dispensary for more than two years after a background in as a behavioral health therapy.

## Dispensary fills needs during healthcare crisis

Nearly 47million Americans are uninsured – with 16 million struggling to manage serious chronic diseases like diabetes or high blood pressure. Most work at least part time, but as fewer companies offer health insurance, Americans are faced with impossible choices. Uninsured adults are three times more likely to delay medical care – allowing diseases to advance without being diagnosed.

This crisis is the root of the founding of the Dispensary of Hope. This is why we do what we do.