

## 2023 DONOR IMPACT REPORT

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Donations to Cherry Health Foundation provide essential support and fill gaps for health care solutions. For every \$1 received, Cherry Health returns \$5 in measurable impact. Cherry Health designs solutions to address barriers and encourage access to care by creating safe havens to equitably and comprehensively meet the health and wellness needs of the communities we serve. Thank you to the nearly 600 households and organizations who gave more than \$972,000 to bolster our mission. This report highlights some of what donor generosity has enabled us to accomplish together.



### IMPROVING Rural Family Medicine

*Barry Community Health Center* provided home blood pressure cuffs for hypertensive patients to monitor their blood pressure more closely at home. They were able to have accessible, flexible follow-up appointments from home via telehealth, resulting in better health outcomes.



### ASSISTING Behavioral Health Needs

*Southside Health Center* identified an impediment to obtaining bloodwork vital for patients' treatment. New phlebotomy chairs and a vein finder were purchased, making each of our 814 patients served there feel safe and comfortable, while improving staff efficiency. *Muskegon Recovery Center* received patient lock-boxes. This equipment ensures the safe storage of individual's medication, which is crucial for successful patient recovery and community safety.



### OFFERING a Great Start

It has been proven that children benefit cognitively, socially, and emotionally from reading starting at birth. It furthers language acquisition, brain development, and provides opportunities to build lasting, powerful bonds with the adults in their lives. We have distributed 5,004 age-, culture-, and language-appropriate books during pediatric visits through our *Reach Out and Read* program.



### CARING for the People Who Care for the People

*The Blue Butterfly Fund* aids Cherry Health employees and AmeriCorps members in times of beyond-their-control financial hardship with temporary, emergency assistance. The fund was established to ensure that those caring for our communities are cared for and supported as well. Forty-five employees received emergency assistance that truly made a difference when most needed.



### ENHANCING Dental Care

A staff-initiated purchase of cordless handpieces helped our *School-Linked Dental Health Program* perform 5,338 dental exams in 60 schools, making for a better and more comfortable experience for our pediatric patients when sealants (protective coatings) are applied to help prevent cavities.



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## IDENTIFYING a Need and Creating a Solution

*Durham Senior Health Center (DSHC)* was established inside Heart of the City Health Center. Dedicated to comprehensive senior care, DSHC is designed for the specific needs of senior patients, including the removal of access and engagement barriers.



## CREATING Safe and Welcoming Spaces

*Sheldon Clubhouse (Grand Rapids)* and *Lakeside Clubhouse (Holland)* are Cherry Health's member-driven communities in West Michigan. Through building relationships, finding resources, developing skills, and setting goals to live fuller lives, members are supported on their journey from mental illness to mental wellness. Financial and in-kind donor support enables us to offer additional engagement opportunities, expand our reach, and offer social, educational, and employment initiatives.



## ENABLING Vital Access

Prescriptions were filled for 322 patients at reduced or no cost through the *Prescription Assistance Fund*. For patients unable to afford their medications, this donor-supported fund eliminates financial barriers and enables accessibility through any of our in-house pharmacies.



## BRIDGING the Gaps in Health Care

As the largest health care safety net in Michigan, donor funds enable us to fill financial gaps to ensure that everyone receives comprehensive quality care, regardless of their ability to pay. As part of that, 348 patients were screened through the *Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program* who would have otherwise gone without these vital health assessments. Our sliding scale fee structure enabled us to offer affordable *Dental Services* to 5,334 patients, while 423 uninsured children were given comprehensive vision exams and 260 individuals received a pair of glasses they so desperately needed through our *Vision Services*.

*We gratefully acknowledge the non-monetary goods and services that donors provided which extended our budget capabilities.*

## Our Mission:

Cherry Health improves the health and wellness of individuals by providing comprehensive primary and behavioral health care while encouraging access by those who are underserved.

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