

Donations to Cherry Health Foundation help provide needed support to consistently deliver equitable quality, comprehensive care in the communities we serve. **Gifts totaling nearly \$683,000 from more than 600 households and organizations bolstered our mission, enabling Cherry Health to develop solutions to barriers and encourage access to care.** What follows are examples of how donor generosity has helped empower us to keep our communities well through integration of care.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



**Lockboxes** for patients participating in the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program at our *Southside Health Center and Muskegon Recovery Center* were purchased to safely transport and store take-home doses for many patients who have children at home, use public transportation, or are unhoused. The combined MAT programs served 929 patients and administered more than 330,000 doses of methadone or other medication.

Additional **Narcan vending machines** were added at Cherry Health sites. The Kent County Health Department recently reporting a 30% decrease in opioid overdose deaths. We are optimistic that the hundreds of kits dispensed from our Narcan vending machines in Kent County and beyond are helping to make that difference.

**Vitamin D** is being furnished for our vitamin-deficient behavioral health patients. Taking vitamin D has been linked to overall reduction in the risk of a suicide attempt or self-harm.

## AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTIONS



The **Prescription Assistance Fund** aids Cherry Health patients who would otherwise not be able to afford their medications. We filled 383 prescriptions at reduced or no cost, eliminating financial barriers for many Cherry Health patients. Adherence to a medication regimen for patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, or high cholesterol makes this program especially important.



## HEALTHY SMILES

Our **Belknap Commons Dental Center** was renovated and reopened with greater patient capacity to address urgent care needs. Dental staff treated patients during 68,403 visits to our 12 dental sites.



## PEDIATRICS

With 17,227 pediatric visits, including 147 individual newborns, 5,343 age-, culturally-, and language-appropriate children's books were distributed to families during well-child visits through our **Reach Out and Read** program. These books support parents and caregivers, foster early literacy, and promote healthy relationships with young children.



## AIDING OUR COLLEAGUES

**Blue Butterfly Fund:** This year, \$58,500 in donor gifts went to assist 63 Cherry Health employees experiencing financial difficulties beyond their control. Since the program's inception in 2021, more than \$150,000 has been awarded to 177 employees in times of need.

**AmeriCorps Assistance Fund:** This is a newly established source of aid for our AmeriCorps members in times of financial hardship or to enhance their education and professional development opportunities. The fund was established by donations received from and in honor of Chris Shea, Cherry Health's founding CEO.

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## AFFORDABLE CARE



More than \$40,000 was used to fill the gaps between actual costs and reimbursements from patients utilizing the **Sliding Fee Discount Program**, which ensures access to care for uninsured and underinsured patients. Did you know that, for every patient visit for which we receive Medicaid reimbursement, \$104 goes unreimbursed?

## ON THE ROAD PROVIDING VISION SERVICES



Our **Cherry Health Mobile Vision Clinic** was purchased and retooled to eliminate barriers and expand access via school visits and rural community destinations. Last year, our vision services dispensed 849 pairs of glasses, the need identified during some of the 13,104 total patient visits.

## HEALTHY KIDS LEARN BETTER



Our K-12 *school-connected programs* met the needs of approximately 1,600 students (medical), 5,600 students (dental), 2,300 students (vision), and more than 1,000 students (behavioral health) at more than 50 area schools. **Bus passes** (city) and **gas cards** (rural) were purchased for non-Medicaid eligible students to ensure they continue to receive medical and behavioral health services during the summer.

## MAKING DIAGNOSES EASIER



Enhanced, point-of-care **Urine Analyzers** were purchased to consistently provide non-subjective, evidence-based results for the hundreds of tests performed on patients presenting with urinary tract complaints at our *Barry Community Health Center and Westside Health Center*.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH



Recently purchased **OBGYN hysteroscopy equipment** will provide in-office exams and procedures at our *Westside Health Center* to uninsured women who would otherwise not be able to afford these services elsewhere.

## HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS



A **Needs Pantry** was established at our *Southside Health Center* which includes basic clothing and personal care essentials, as well as items related to shelter and safety for patients, community members, and unhoused individuals.

## BEACONS OF HOPE FOR MANY



**Clubhouse membership** was provided for 50 individuals who did not have access to our *Sheldon* (Grand Rapids) and *Lakeside* (Holland) *Clubhouses* through other funding sources. Through education, social activities, employment opportunities, and wellness initiatives, our Clubhouses support members on their journey from mental illness to mental wellness. Additionally, in-kind gifts assist in helping dollars go further and enable the expansion of opportunities and experiences available to Clubhouse members.

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

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### 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.