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STORIES CMH FOUNDATION HELPS PATIENTS IN TIMES OF NEED

Dollars and sense: How the CMH Foundation makes each penny count

■ **\$205,000**—These funds benefited the health and wellness of the communities served by CMH Regional Health System. Approximately \$100,000 assisted uninsured and underinsured patients, while more than \$105,000 enhanced services at Clinton Memorial Hospital and other health system entities.

■ **\$400,000**—These contributions from community and other locally connected donors will ultimately benefit the health and wellness of the thousands of residents in the communities CMH serves, particularly through program enhancements and charity care expenses.

■ **\$11.8 million**—CMH wrote off more than \$5.5 million in charity care (for patients with the inability to pay). In addition, CMH wrote off more than \$6.3 million in bad debt expenses—a shortfall created when patients with the ability to pay for services fail to pay.

■ **\$105,000**—These funds helped to establish an integrative medicine program (formerly known as complementary medicine) at the Foster J. Boyd, MD, Regional Cancer Center; to purchase new technology for the Clinton Memorial Hospital Surgery Center; and to make landscaping improvements to the Hale Arboretum.

■ **\$92,000**—These contributions from the CMH Foundation Auxiliary contributed to the Foster J. Boyd, MD, Regional Cancer Center capital campaign and helped cover the costs of cancer screenings, diabetes services, dental care, medication and transportation for people in need in local communities.

Did you know?

Although CMH Regional Health System/Clinton Memorial Hospital is a community hospital, it receives no local tax dollars.

The CMH Foundation is a separate, tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that supports the health system. All contributions to the foundation are tax-deductible.

If you have questions about supporting the foundation or would like to receive e-mail updates about CMH, e-mail dadunn@cmhregional.com or call 937-382-9464.

Medicine is not about dollars and cents, or even about advanced technology and state-of-the-art facilities. It's about people trying to live normal lives while overcoming illness. ♦ It's not easy, and the CMH Foundation understands that.

While we pride ourselves on facilitating the outstanding medical care offered at CMH Regional Health System, we also want to ensure that those who need the care can access it.

Keep reading to see how the foundation helped two women get back on their feet and back to enjoying life.

TANYA'S STORY Thirty-year-old Tanya, of Wilmington, has been on insulin injections since August 1990, when she was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

She began receiving treatment from CMH Diabetes Services when she moved to Ohio in 2008. At the time, Tanya was in between health insurance policies and concerned about paying for her medical supplies until her new insurance started.

"CMH Diabetes Services helped me get the financial help that I needed through the CMH Foundation," Tanya says. "They have helped me pay for insulin and the supplies for my diabetes that I couldn't pay for at the time. No one else could help me, but CMH did."

When Tanya became ill with *E. coli* in July, the caring CMH Diabetes Services staff helped her get her

diabetes back under control.

"The ladies at the center are wonderful," Tanya says. "They have always been a blessing to me. Without Dawn [Lyon] or Joyce [Hutchens], I wouldn't be back on track with my diabetes, and I can't thank them enough for their help."

TINA'S STORY In October of 2008, Tina was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer. It was a frightening time for her and her family, but the caring staff at the Foster J. Boyd, MD, Regional Cancer Center made her feel right at home.

However, it took almost five months for Tina's Medicaid to be processed. So during that time, the cancer center accessed funds available to cancer patients through the CMH Foundation and several other patient assistance programs in order to help Tina.

"If it wasn't for Cathy [Zeller] and Michelle [Roth], I wouldn't have had the gas to get to the cancer center for treatment or the funds to pay for my treatment," Tina says. Tina's insurance is now in work-

ing order, and she is committed to staying at the Foster J. Boyd, MD, Regional Cancer Center because of the extraordinary care she receives there.

"This is an amazing place," Tina says. "My situation was bad enough at the time that if I hadn't gotten the right people to help me, I probably would have just given up. I wouldn't go anywhere else for treatment. If I have to fight this cancer for the next 30 years, the cancer center is where I'll be fighting it."

"Not only do foundation funds help those who truly want to help themselves, contributions to the CMH Foundation free up money for the health system and the hospital to upgrade and continually improve the local health care offerings."

—CHRIS CHANEY, CHAIRMAN, CMH FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CMH restricted funds (partial list)

Clinton Community Dental Services

CMH Diabetes Services

Foster J. Boyd, MD, Regional Cancer Center

Help Fund for CMH Regional Health System patients

Nursing Professional Development Fund

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