CELEBRATING PROGRESS AT THE TOPPING OFF CEREMONY!

THCC Staff, Board members, THCC friends and officials from the City of Mt. Healthy joined together for a topping off ceremony for the new 30,000 square foot Mt. Healthy Family Practice Center. Construction is underway and the new facility is expected to open in the summer of 2020. Located only one mile from the current location, the new facility is being constructed on two acres of property on Compton Road. Patients and community members are overjoyed that the new facility will offer affordable dental services, something the Mt. Healthy community has wanted and needed for a very long time.

We are seeking additional contributions for the new facility to purchase all new medical and dental equipment as well as office furnishings.

“ART FOR A PURPOSE” LIVE ART AUCTION A SUCCESS!

The HealthCare Connection and Joseph Scott Galleries partnered together to present “Art for a Purpose,” a live Art Auction fundraiser to support operations and patient care for THCC on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Wyoming Civic Center. Almost 100 guests were in attendance including THCC staff, Board members and guests raising over $8,000 and introducing more community members and friends to the important work and mission of THCC.

It was a great evening filled with delicious food, drinks, beautiful art, and friendship. Thank you to our sponsors, Board members, volunteers, staff, and community for continuing to support our efforts. A special thank you to all the local artists that donated artwork for the event! We could not have done the event without everyone’s support.

Thanks to our event sponsors!
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PATIENT CARE FOCUS ON SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Health care has always recognized that illness is not just related to germs and genetics. There are other things happening in the lives of patients that have a critical impact on their ability to be “well”. While these challenges have been identified since the beginning of Community Health Centers, resources have been limited in helping to provide support to patients and their families. That is now changing.

These influences are known as the “Social Determinants of Health”. They include, but are not limited to, barriers such as housing issues, food insecurity, feeling unsafe at home or in their neighborhoods, lack of reliable transportation and the need for social support.

The HealthCare Connection is beginning a pilot program to ask our patients a series of questions related to these social needs and then to link them with community resources that can help in meeting those needs. We are partnering with The Health Collaborative of Cincinnati, Ohio Medicaid Managed Care and our IT supplier OSIS to begin the process of gathering this information, compiling lists of available resources and using our electronic medical record system to track the identified needs.

This is one more way The HealthCare Connection is working to help our patients get the help they need.
Did you know?
About 9% of the US population has been diagnosed with diabetes, this amounts to over 30 million people, and another 84.1 million people have prediabetes.

Last year 1.5 million people were diagnosed with diabetes.

98% of adults with type 2 diabetes had at least one other medical condition related to their diabetes diagnosis. Most prevalent are high blood pressure, obesity, and heart and kidney disease.

Costs of diabetes (direct and indirect) totaled over $327 billion in 2017 in the United States.

About 7% of patients seen at The HealthCare Connection (about 1,200 people) have a diagnosis of diabetes. About a third of our patients have blood sugar levels that are considered to be at a level that will lead to complications such as those listed above.

This is a complex, life-altering disease that affects not just the patient but also their families. We are committed to providing the best care possible to all struggling to stay healthy while dealing with the challenges of life with diabetes.

MEDICAL CARE HAS BEEN A FAMILY TRADITION

For Beverly Leonard, receiving care from the Lincoln Heights Health Center (LHHC) is a family tradition.

Her parents were patients there, and she’s been a patient there since her teens. While her doctors and insurance plans have changed, Beverly remains dedicated to receiving care at LHHC.

Because LHHC offers quality health care, and doctors and staff always go “above and beyond,” Beverly keeps coming back.

She recalls bringing one of her parents to the center in a wheelchair. “The doctor told me that if they (her parents) were unable to make it to the center, to schedule them as the last patient of the day and that he would come and visit them at home,” she says.

Beverly also values the personal attention she receives. “Most of the doctors know me, and when my parents passed, they helped me get through it,” she says. “Some of the nurses even came to my parents’ funerals.”

Over the years, when Beverly’s insurance required her to pay out of network to see her doctor, she still continued to come to LHHC. And when she had no coverage, THCC worked with her (as we do with all our patients) to help with medical expenses.

Beverly says there is no doubt that LHHC has had a positive impact on her health. She credits her physician, Mary Weatherington, MD, and the LHHC staff, with helping her manage hypertension and diabetes. They referred her to weight loss classes, which helped her drop 80 pounds, and she started attending the Diabetes Support Group at LHHC.

Beverly was a board member of THCC for almost 10 years. “I really liked being a part of something positive and giving back to the community,” she says. “I feel that the Lincoln Heights Health Center has been a blessing to the community.”

DOLORES J. LINDSAY FUND

Now in its second year, the Dolores J. Lindsay Fund is growing due to the generosity of our many friends. THANK YOU! The fund was established in honor of our founder and CEO who made it her mission to assure that everyone receives quality health care. This is the basis for our motto, “Because Everyone Deserves Quality Health Care.”

The Fund enables us to provide the level of services and programs to address ever changing patient service needs. Because our guiding principle is to assure that all of our services are affordable, it creates an enormous financial challenge. In essence the Legacy Fund is the financial safety-net needed to make the challenge less ominous.

If you haven’t already given this year, we ask that you please join the Dolores J. Lindsay Legacy Fund’s Monthly Giving Program or give a one-time gift. To give online visit: https://www.healthcare-connection.org/give/donate/ or for more information, contact Susanne Tulloss at 513-483-3072 / SusanneT@healthcare-connection.org.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Emily Roberts joined THCC Board of Directors in July 2019. Emily is an attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, and is currently in her second year of a 2-Year Fellowship funded by the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation, focusing on the intersections between Cincinnati’s low income housing crisis, child poverty, and domestic violence. She earned her J.D. from the University Of Cincinnati College Of Law in May 2018.

Emily is passionate about working in the community, and has a background in health from her studies in college and two summers abroad in Southern Africa. She is excited to learn more about the social determinants of health that affect THCC patients, and how she can better advocate for clients that live in THCC’s service areas.
SECOND ANNUAL
“RUN FOR THE HEALTH OF IT” 5K RUN/WALK SUCCESSFUL IN SUPPORTING PRINCETON VIKING SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER

We had perfect weather for our second annual “Run for the Health of It” 5K Run and Walk, which brought more than 350 people together on September 21, to raise funds for and to increase awareness of the Princeton Viking School-Based Health Center.

The event was a collaboration between The HealthCare Connection and the Princeton City School District and was held at the Viking Stadium in Sharonville. Race participants enjoyed a 5K run or walk through parts of Sharonville, a 1-mile walk around the stadium track or a Kids’ Fun Run.

All proceeds from the event will help to support patient care and operations at the Princeton Viking School-Based Health Center, which offer primary care services for students and staff at Princeton High School.

School-based health centers play a pivotal role in increasing health care access for students because services are available at the right place and the right time. These centers have been shown to reduce student absenteeism and improve overall health. The result is healthy students, ready to learn.

Thanks to our event sponsors! Special thanks to the Princeton staff, Pep Band, Varsity Cheer Leaders, volunteers, Board members, Glendale and Sharonville Police Departments and local businesses for supporting the event!
We could not have done it without your support!

THCC CELEBRATED NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK WITH A SUCCESSFUL 10TH ANNIVERSARY GE BACK-TO-SCHOOL KIDS HEALTH FAIR!

This year’s National Health Center Week (NHCW) theme was, “Celebrating America’s Health Centers: Rooted in Communities.” To celebrate NHCW, The HealthCare Connection and GE Aviation partnered for the 10th year to host the GE Back-to-School Kids Health Fair.

The Health Fair was a fun filled event with music, sports and fitness activities, haircuts, prizes and face painting. Thanks to GE Aviation, we handed out 150 backpacks full of school supplies and over 300 bags with snacks and school supplies to families that attended the event.

Most importantly, our staff provided 117 back to school physicals and 26 dental exams for children during the health fair. The Mercy Health Mammogram Van was on site and provided 8 mammography exams during the health fair.

Thanks to all GE and THCC volunteers and over 40 THCC staff members that supported the event. We could not have done it without your support!

THANKS TO OUR RACE SPONSORS!

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The Health Collaborative recognized Dolores J. Lindsay our Founder & CEO as the 2019 recipient of The Inspire | Healthcare Champion Award on November 6. Dolores is a pioneer and has been an inspiration to others in the field of health care. She founded the Lincoln Heights Health Center in 1967 and is one of the longest serving and most successful CEOs in the country. Congratulations to Dolores on this notable award!
The mission of The HealthCare Connection is to provide quality, culturally sensitive and accessible primary health care services focusing on the medically underserved, underinsured and uninsured residing in northern Hamilton County and surrounding areas.

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