



Although I cannot believe we are quickly approaching summer, I am beyond excited about the potential of warm, sunny days, flowers and green grass. Spring typically denotes the annual rebirth or new birth of all things living. And when I think of the many individuals who we help at Project Access, I also think of the new life they are often given through the generosity of our medical community.

I continue to be humbled by the scope of this generosity. Because of this, we were able to serve 937 people in 2017, with over \$8 million in donated care from all of our providers: physicians, health systems, laboratories, dentists, etc.

I continue meeting as many people as I can who come to us for help. While many of their stories are heartbreaking, it also makes me incredibly proud that I work for such a great organization that has been providing life-saving health care to uninsured, low-income residents of Sedgwick County for nearly 19 years.

In September of 2019, we will celebrate our 20th anniversary. We hope to have a great celebration for this momentous occasion.

In addition, we are quickly approaching the \$200 million mark of donated care. We are projecting that we will surpass this figure by early fall of this year. That too, is an amazing feat, and one we could have never done without your support. We have now served over 13,600 individuals, which is another amazing statistic.

It is surprising how many people I have met who were either patients of Project Access or knew someone who was a patient. Although you will hear me say this often, it is never too often to express sincere gratitude from all of us at Project Access along with all those served over the years. You have saved many lives.

Shelley Duncan

Wagonmasters Good Life Grant



CPHCP was one of 26 nonprofits in Sedgwick County to receive a Good Life Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to provide prescription medication and medical equipment. Shelley Duncan, executive director; Debbie Donaldson, board member; Angela Fry, executive assistant; and Mick Cayless, development director, were present to accept the award at The Wagonmasters Good Life Award Presentation on April 19. "I am so honored to be chosen by the Wichita Wagonmasters to receive a Good Life Grant," Shelley Duncan said. "I think it is incredible that the Wagonmasters support so many of the smaller nonprofits in the community that are making a big difference in people's lives."



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Cy– Project Access Patient



Like many Sedgwick County residents, Cy was without health insurance. As a young man who was healthy, he felt “invincible.” Then a freak accident happened. He was playing a pick-up basketball game when he landed wrong on his right knee. Thankfully, a family friend told him about our organization. Once Cy was enrolled in Project Access, he was referred to an orthopedic surgeon, who donated the knee

surgery, replacing Cy’s ACL and PCL with donor grafts and using part of his hamstring to rebuild his knee.

Cy was also able to sign up for insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace, with help from a Certified Application Counselor at Project Access.

He is grateful and humbled by the physicians who donated their care and the Project Access staff who coordinated his services. He will be returning to work once he is released from physical therapy and will start his Masters in Public Administration at Wichita State in the Spring of 2018.



Many thanks to our most recent partners who have chosen to support the work of Central Plains Health Care Partnership through Project Access.

We would also like to thank the many physicians, hospitals and the network of donated care that this community provides for Project Access patients.

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Thank you to the numerous individuals who donated to Central Plains Health Care Partnership in 2018!



There have been some personnel changes at Health ICT over the past couple of months. The former Project Coordinator for Component 1 of the grant, Juliane Walker, has left her position to become the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center of Kansas. Autumn Nance, a recent graduate of Georgetown in the Master’s of Public Health Program, has filled Juliane’s position. Health ICT staff were sad to see Juliane go, but they are excited to have added Autumn to the team!

Health ICT, in collaboration with the KU School of Medicine, continues to offer technical assistance in developing clinical processes in practices across the city to identify patients who are at risk for diabetes and refer them to the appropriate program, as well as to identify uncontrolled hypertensive patients and proactively provide them more comprehensive care. Dr. Justin Moore, medical consultant for Health ICT, recently presented to members of the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) on quality improvement strategies for team-based hypertension management. He detailed how providers can utilize all members of the care team in hypertension management and how they can receive reimbursement for such strategies. Dr. Moore will present to KAMU again in May on how diabetes care can also be facilitated using a team-based care approach.

On May 1st, Health ICT brought in Chuck Marohn, the founder of Strong Towns. Mr. Marohn spoke at a public event held at the Wichita Art Museum. In addition, he met with elected officials and other health advocates from Wichita. Strong Towns is a concept that challenges the way we currently construct our cities and advocates for constructing cities in a way that encourages walking and biking for commuting. This not only makes a city healthier but also increases the financial strength of cities in order to build more resilient communities.



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