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## **St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy**

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*In Partnership with the Academy of Medicine of Greater Cincinnati*

### **WE NEED YOUR SAMPLES PLEASE!!!**

The St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy is southeast Ohio's only pharmacy dedicated to providing completely free medication and professional pharmaceutical care to people in need from Hamilton, Butler, Warren and Clermont counties.

#### **Charitable Pharmacy:**

- Creates a pharmacy of last resort for those who do not qualify for other programs or are unable to pay for discounted medication.
- Takes income and expenses into consideration for eligibility -- those with insurance coverage may be eligible.
- Qualifies patients for 1-6 months of coverage at a time and serves as a patient advocate to qualify patients for pharmaceutical assistance programs.
- Provides counseling and education by a licensed pharmacist.
- Coordinates a medical home to help patients access on-going medical care.
- Has a flexible formulary made up of pharmaceutical samples donated by physicians, donated and purchased generics, as well as some medical supplies.
- Is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Filled nearly 2,500 prescriptions in the first nine months of operation

#### **How you can help:**

- Pharmaceutical samples donated by physician practices are urgently needed.
- Pharmacy staff will assist in submitting your TDL application if needed, will complete all paperwork, and will pick up your donated samples.
- Most needed medications change based on requests and available donations but often include insulins, psychotropics, and cardiovascular medications.
- Donations of OTC insulin, syringes, blood glucose strips and other diabetes supplies are needed.
- Provide charitable pharmacy information to needy patients.
- Volunteer pharmacists are needed to assist with dispensing medications 3-4 hours/week on a regular basis.
- Donations of medication through "central fill" pharmacies, wholesalers, and manufacturers are needed.

#### **Patient Demographics:**

- Patients include indigent, homeless, working poor, disabled, those who do not qualify for or have insurance that covers prescription medication and those who are between coverage due to death, divorce, disability or catastrophic disease.
- Clients fall below 200% of the federal poverty level guidelines and their living expenses exceed their income.

**Have your office manager contact Mike Espel, RPh, at 562-8841, ext. 266 to get involved.**