

Williamson Medical Center partners with Dispensary of Hope

Williamson Medical Center and the Dispensary of Hope announced recently a partnership to provide cost-effective prescription medicines to the working uninsured and/or low-income residents of Williamson County.

Williamson Medical Center's \$25,000 commitment will sponsor numerous medication dispensing sites in Williamson County.

The Dispensary of Hope is a growing network of prescription medicine dispensing sites, sourcing partners and financial partners that assist poor and underserved individuals in getting the medications they need for the short and long-term.

"We are excited to partner with the Dispensary of Hope network," said Dennis Miller, Williamson Medical Center

chief executive officer. "We anticipate this relationship greatly will increase access to medication for underserved individuals in Williamson County. Working with Dispensary of Hope is a continuation of WMC's mission to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the areas we serve."

Recognizing donors wanted to collaborate more closely with dispensing sites in their area, the "Hope Account" program was launched this spring by the Dispensary of Hope network. It allows donors to specify sites they would like their gifts to benefit. It is through this program Williamson Medical Center's donation will benefit area residents.

"No one should be deprived of medications because of an inability to pay for them. The Dispensary of Hope is proud to partner with Williamson Medical Center to complement the services they already provide

to the community," said Jason Dinger, chief executive officer of the Dispensary of Hope.

This partnership demonstrates how dispensing sites hospitals/funders and physicians are collaborating to meet our goal of covering the 1 million uninsured individuals across Tennessee," he says.

The \$25,000 commitment from Williamson Medical Center will allow for medications to be provided to dispensing sites throughout Williamson County including Graceworks Ministries and Mercy Children's Clinic.

The Dispensary of Hope can always use support from local physicians who can donate excess, unexpired medications to the Dispensary. Please visit: www.dispensaryofhope.org and click "Donate Meds" if you are able to contribute.

Williamson Medical Center is a 185-bed hospital fully accredited by The Joint Commission that provides comprehensive

inpatient and outpatient care including emergency services, with board-certified physicians in 53 specialties and sub-specialties. The community-focused hospital offers a wide range of wellness services, screenings and classes. For more information about Williamson Medical Center, visit www.williamson-medicalcenter.org.

Founded in 2003, the Dispensary of Hope is a leading provider of pharmaceuticals to uninsured patients through a growing network of dispensing sites across the country, sustained by local partnerships. The Dispensary has collected and distributed tens of millions of dollars worth of pharmaceuticals and filled more than 200,000 prescriptions for patients who otherwise couldn't afford them. For more information, visit www.dispensaryofhope.org

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