You helped move mountains this year.





Central

Dorothy is alive today because of your generosity.

Dorothy was scared

She could barely get from her car to the door of the Health Wagon mobile clinic without running out of breath. And one of her legs was severely swollen.

It had been 22 years since she had seen a doctor. She didn't have medical insurance and couldn't afford to pay for medical care out of pocket. And besides, there wasn't a doctor or hospital for miles.

Dorothy is like so many others in Southwest Virginia.

She could barely afford to pay for basic needs, much less medical care.

Dorothy had been homebound for months because of her health issues. She had tried to treat herself with over-the-counter medications. But she wasn't eating right and because of the issues with her legs, she could barely get out of bed.

All of this just made her medical issues worse.

But she found out the Health Wagon mobile unit was going to be in her area and found a way to get there.

As soon as the Health Wagon staff saw Dorothy, they jumped into action. They knew she needed help. She was taken immediately to see a cardiologist where she learned she was in heart failure.

She was given prescription medication to help with her symptoms... and keep her alive.

Over the next few weeks, Dorothy came often to the clinic for follow up. On her first visit back, she had lost nearly 40 pounds of water weight and her legs were no longer swollen. And she could breathe!

Dorothy later developed lung cancer, but because of donors like you, her life was saved. Today, Dorothy is working hard to get healthy. She's following her diet, exercising, and taking her medications. She comes to the Health Wagon for her regular checkups.

Because of your kind and caring heart, Dorothy is able to have a full life again. And she's going to be around a long time for her family that loves her.

Donors are the heroes that heal the world.





That first visit to the Health Wagon was a turning point for me. I would have died at home if it wasn't for the Health Wagon staff. The nearest hospital is over two hours away."

The staff is so kind and doesn't judge me. They just help me."





You're part of Dorothy's story.

You're part of the story of so many families and precious people here in Appalachian Virginia... one of the most poverty-stricken areas of the country.

But because of your kind and caring support, we're here, every single day to respond to the unique medical needs of every individual.

It's a big job you've done.

You've provided routine medical checkups for little ones, provided dental and vision care, and provided tests and treatment at one of the numerous Health Wagon specialty clinics... and everything in between.

You've saved lives.

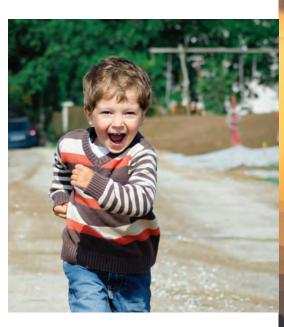
There are many more like Dorothy.

Thank you for your help and compassion. It means the world to so many of our vulnerable neighbors.

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Dr. Teresa Owens Tyson, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP President and CEO

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Counties served

HARLAN

HANCOCK

KENTUCKY

TENNESSEE

The terrain of the Health Wagon Service area is mountainous, covering 1,715 square miles, with numerous locations being geographically isolated.

Our service area is made up of small rural communities that do not attract the level of services available in urban developed communities.

Many residents lack adequate transportation, rendering them unable to get to doctors or hospitals that are sometimes hours away. Health Wagon Mobile Units, the oldest in the country, solve that problem.

Your support ensures the Health Wagon Mobile Units are able to take health care to these remote areas.







The NEED is great.

Poverty is a common denominator for all of the children, families, and seniors you've helped.



92% of our patients are unable to meet basic daily needs.



Child care in Virginia costs more per child than the cost of in-state college tuition.



When basic needs like housing, food, and heat can't be met, going to the doctor is a luxury.

Poverty begets poverty

This region once thrived because of the coal industry.

However, as coal mines went out of business, thousands of people lost their livelihoods.

And with no other industry taking its place, entire generations have been flung into poverty.

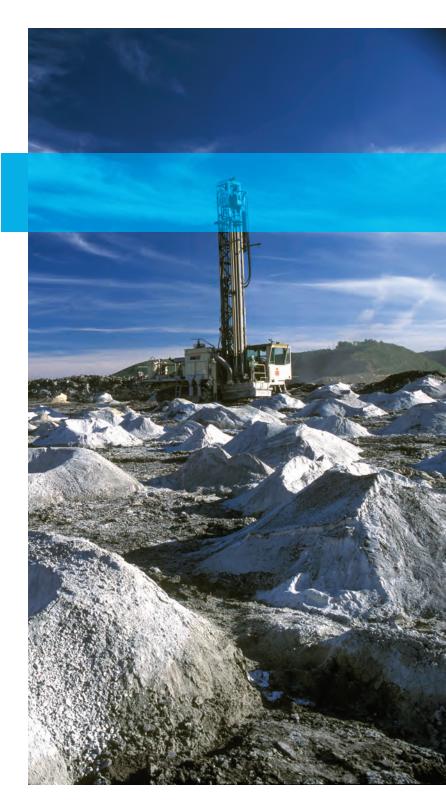
Property values decrease as people don't have the money for upkeep and maintenance.

The ability to purchase healthy food has even been impacted.

All of this has served to only intensify the poverty issue and health issues of the people living here.

According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, people who live in our service area fall in the top 5% of all people in Virginia for death and disease rates. We have the most vulnerable population in the United States due to age and chronic conditions.

That's why you are so important! You're saving lives through your support.



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Highlights of the year made possible by you.

You made room for even more health care services

Thanks to your amazing generosity, the Give So Others Can Live Campaign to build a new clinic in Clintwood, Virginia has enabled the construction to begin on our new 5,000 square foot stand alone clinic there. Though we already have a presence in Clintwood, the current facility is small and for the first time in our history, we are in danger of turning patients away. Because of your faithful dedication, the doors at the new clinic will open this fall (2020), allowing us to serve more patients in more ways. What an amazing thing you've made happen!

You made the way for 19,926 visits

With your help, 4,713 precious people were able to receive medical care 19,926 times. Many of those visits were for everyday ailments, simple eye exams, or dental work. But you provided specialty, acute, and emergency services for people, too. And many times, that care saved lives.

- Cancer was caught early.
- Uncontrolled diabetes became managed diabetes.
- Hepatitis C was cured.
- Stroke level high blood pressure was caught and brought under control.
- Heart failure was caught and reversed

\$1 Support = \$100 in Health Care Value

Every dollar donated to the Health Wagon provides \$100 in health care services.

You helped expand the reach of Mobile Clinics

The Health Wagon Mobile Clinics are the oldest mobile medical programs in the country, bringing health care services to some of the most remote and poorest areas of Southwest Virginia. If it weren't for your care and compassion, these neighbors would have no access to health services at all.

With your support, the Mobile Clinics increased service by 336% over last year.

Because of you, 1,128 patients received care at the Remote Area Medical® Wise County event, hosted by Health Wagon

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Children, women, men, young, and old were able to access health care they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford thanks to your kind heart. From general checkups to mammograms and cardiac care to dental and eye care, your generosity made a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Sometimes, this care was literally life saving.

You helped expand Specialty Clinics

Your generosity enabled even more people to access the most expensive health care services through our mobile units and standing clinics.

These services included:

Wound care Urology Endocrinology Cardiology Pulmonology Dermatology Nephrology Psychiatry Chest x-rays Orthopedics Podiatry Dental Optometry Hearing Psychiatry

Every service we offer is free. We can't do that without you. You're truly making a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors.



72 students from 42 colleges and universities in 12 states and two foreign countries received hands-on training at the Health Wagon thanks to you. The Health Wagon partnered with the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program to provide medical training to soldiers and healthcare to 1,465 of our neighbors.

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Gynecology Colposcopy Y Cystoscopy Mammograms Rheumatology Gastroenterology Ear, nose and throat Movement disorders Substance abuse disorder Pain management Hepatitis C treatment Diabetes prevention program Cardiovascular disease management Telemedicine: behavioral health counseling



Soldiers provided free spay and neuter surgeries and vaccinations to 519 family pets, helping families who can't afford veterinary care.

Cherished partnerships



The AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation

According to the Virginia Department of Health, heart disease and stroke are the number one killer of Virginians. And according to the American Heart Association, individuals with Metabolic Syndrome – a cluster of conditions including high blood sugar, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol – have twice the risk for heart attack or stroke.

Thanks to a generous grant from the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation's *Connections for Cardiovascular HealthSM (CCH)* program, St. Mary's Health Wagon has been able to serve 5,000 new participants and track the progress toward improved heart health of over 1,500 patients this past year through our Expansion of Heart Health 1,2,3 Comprehensive Cardiovascular Disease Initiative for Diabetes Mellitus, Metabolic Syndrome and Obesity program.

This grant has enabled St. Mary's Health Wagon to provide a targeted intervention that focuses on early detection, prevention and education – and has helped us improve access to best practices and protocols for our patients. Beyond the funding support provided, the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation has helped us to build capacity for our program so that we can create awareness, share lessons learned and increase sustainability to continue our program services in the long-term through learning forums and resources like their *Dissemination and Communications Guide* and *Effective Program Practices Guide*.

We look forward to furthering the reach and impact of our program in 2020 thanks to a \$50,000 *CCH* grant provided by the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation to support the continuation of Expansion of Heart Health 1,2,3 and to continue our sustainability efforts so that our community may continue to benefit for years to come.

"We're so proud of St. Mary's Health Wagon's ability to provide programs that make a real, measurable impact. We commend them for the work they are doing to share lessons learned with other organizations so they can benefit from their experiences for years to come."

> Rich Buckley, Board President AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation



Amy Ponpipom, Secretary, AZHCF; Paula Hill-Collins, NP, PNP, Clinical Director, St. Mary's Health Wagon; Teresa Owens Tyson, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, President and CEO, St. Mary's Health Wagon; Rich Buckley, President, AZHCF; Rachel Helton, MBA, Director of Development, St. Mary's Health Wagon; James W. Blasetto, MD, MPH, FACC, Chairman, AZHCF

About the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation

Established in 1993, the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation is a Delaware not-for-profit corporation and a 501(c)(3) entity, separate from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, organized for charitable purposes including to promote public awareness and education of healthcare issues and support nonprofit organizations consistent with its charitable purpose.

Connections for Cardiovascular Health[™] (*CCH*) was launched in 2010 and has received \$35 million in charitable contributions from AstraZeneca to date. The *CCH* program has provided nearly \$24 million in grants and capacity building to over 50 U.S.-based nonprofit organizations engaged in charitable work at the community level in support of the program's mission to improve cardiovascular health. For information visit, please visit www.astrazeneca-us.com/foundation.

Cherished partnerships

UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION®

United Health Foundation

Diagnostic and specialty services, such as mammography, ultrasound, x-ray, and dental services are some of the most costly and unattainable for the population in Southwest Virginia.

Thanks to a three-year, \$1 million grant from the United Health Foundation, the Health Wagon will be able to provide these services at no-cost to underserved communities across a six-county service area.

We know from experience that early detection and treatment of disease is vital for improving the health and wellbeing of the people we serve. We welcome the United Health Foundation's partnership in expanding life-saving specialty and diagnostic care for thousands of medically underserved individuals and families living in Southwest Virginia.

> "We are proud to partner with the Health Wagon to ensure Virginians in Central Appalachia have access to compassionate, high-quality health care. Ultimately, our shared goal is to help people live healthier lives and improve the health care experience for patients."

> > **Tracy Malone, President United Health Foundation**

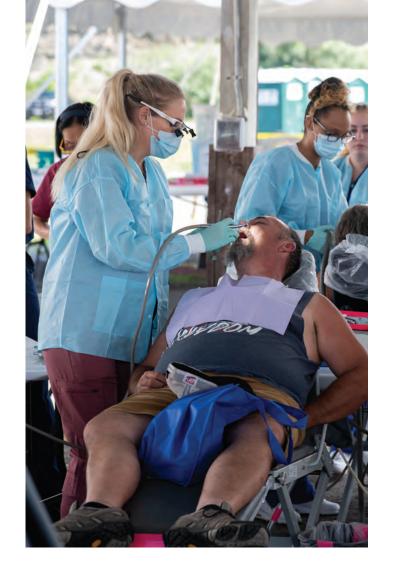
To learn more about United Health Foundation, visit www.unitedhealthfoundation.org.



Left to right: Dr. Joseph Smiddy, Paula Hill-Collins, Teresa Owens Tyson, Tracy Malone, Senator Mark Warner, Sister Bernie Kenny.

Health Wagon services provided

Acute Disease Management **Behavioral Health Clinics** Cardiac Clinics Cardiovascular Disease Management **Chronic Disease Management** Colposcopy Clinic Community and Group Lifestyle Coaching Classes Cystoscopies Dentures (low-cost) **Dermatology Clinics Diabetic Education** Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Clinics Endocrinology Clinics Eye Exams and Eyeglasses (fabrication) Hearing Aid Assistance Influenza Vaccine Clinics Lab Services Medicare and Medicaid Enrollment Medical Therapy Management Nephrology Clinics **Ostomy Clinics** Pastoral Care Pharmacy Connect & Medication Assistance **Physical Assessments Podiatry Clinics** Pre-Op and Post-Op Surgery Clinics Psychiatry **Psychological Counseling** Pulmonary Clinics **Referrals & Follow-Up Systems** Substance Use Disorder Counseling Sports Physicals **Telemedicine Clinics Transportation Assistance** Ultrasound Clinics Urology Clinics Urgent Care Women's Health Clinic (mammography and pap smears) Wound Care Clinics X-Ray Clinics





Health Wagon initiatives

BEAT Diabetes

Becton Dickinson, Heart-to-Heart, N Association of Free and Charitable Point of Care Testing Program Chronic Disease Management Class Community Health Fairs **Diabetes Prevention Program** Advanced Diagnostic Teleradiology Fully Accredited Diagnostic Screening Heart Health 1,2,3 Program funding provided by AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation Connections for Cardiovascular HealthSM





Every Woman's Life & Mammogram
Assistance Program
Immunization Programs
Loan Closet Program for
Medical Equipment
Lung Cancer Early
Screening Program
Obstructive Sleep Apnea Resources
Pediavision Screening for Schools
Retinopathy Screening Program
Sr. Bernie Kenny Scholarship
Virginia Health Care Foundation
Medicaid Expansion Enrollment



Patient visit range

 $1 \frac{\text{VISIT}}{\text{YEAR}} \textcircled{0} 28 \frac{\text{VISITS}}{\text{YEAR}}$

Number

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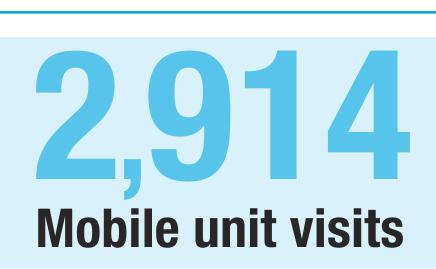
2,904

of labs

Partner colleges & universities



American University of Antigua College of Medicine Appalachian College of Pharmacy Arizona State University Berea University Bill Gatton School of Pharmacy Carroll College Chamberlain College of Nursing Drexel University East Tennessee State University College of Nursing Eastern Virginia Medical School Francis Marion University Frontier Nursing University George Mason University George Washington University Georgetown University Gonzaga University Jefferson College of Health Sciences King University Liberty University Lincoln Memorial University Debusk Lynchburg University College of Osteopathic Medicine Lincoln Memorial University Caylor School of Nursing Mountain Empire Community College Nursing Program Old Dominion University School of Nursing Quillen College of Medicine Radford University School of Nursing Sacred Heart University Southwest Virginia Community College The University of Virginia School of Nursing The University of Virginia's College at Wise University of Kentucky School of Nursing University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences University of Newcastle Australia University of North Carolina Greensboro School of Nursing University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine University of Pikeville College of Optometry University of Richmond University of Richmond, Robins School of Business University of Tennessee Vanderbilt University Virginia Commonwealth University College of Medicine Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy Virginia Tech University Wake Forest University Wytheville Community College York College of Pennsylvania





Pharmacy Connect **Consults**

Number of

referrals

56,281

made:



The Health Wagon depends on generous people like you to provide free health care to the precious people of Appalachia who are trapped in a cycle of poverty.

The mobile units you support with your kind donations are able to reach people who would never be able to make it to a doctor's office.

The stationary clinics in Wise, Virginia and Clintwood, Virginia are only there because of your support.

Because of your compassion, your kind heart, and your generous soul over the last year:

- Cancer was detected early and is now in remission
- Diabetes is under control
- High blood pressure is managed
- Moms and dads don't have to worry about how they will afford to take their children to the doctor when they're sick
- Sons and daughters have a place to take their elderly parents when they're sick

You did all this and so much more. You saved lives.

You are our hero!

Will you help continue this wonderful work in 2020? Your gift today means life for so many.

Your gift to The Health Wagon multiplies in impact to help provide lifesaving health care to uninsured or underinsured patients in Central Appalachia.

How to Donate

Call: 276-328-8850

Online: thehealthwagon.org/beahero

Mail: The Health Wagon P.O. Box 7070 Wise, VA 24293

\$1 Support = \$100 Health Care

For assistance with planned giving or gifts outside of wills, contact **Rachel Helton** at rhelton@thehealthwagon.org.

Thank you!

Other ways to help

Volunteer

Volunteers of all talents and backgrounds are needed to help Health Wagon provide compassionate, quality health care to the medically underserved in Southwest Virginia.

Email hpviers@thehealthwagon.org, call 276-328-8850, or visit thehealthwagon.org/hwwp/volunteer.

Ongoing Needs

Ace-wraps Alcohol wipes Band aids Blood glucose strips (easy max) Blood pressure cuffs Exam gloves Exam table paper Gauze Libre glucose sensors Medical tape Nebulizer and neb tubing O₂ Cannulas Orthopedic supplies and equipment (braces, crutches, wheelchairs, etc.) Safety needles Syringes Scalpels Sutures Tongue blades

Personal Protective Equipment

Urine dip sticks

Pulse-oximeters Fit test hood Touchless thermometers Reusable face shields

N95 masks shield Gloves Isolation gowns Shoe covers

Antacids Antibacterial ointment Antidiarrheals Aspirin Dandruff shampoo Decongestants Ibuprofen Iron supplements Lice treatment Sterile saline Allergy medication

Patient Personal Care

Body wash or soap Dental floss Deodorant Diapers Feminine hygiene products Liquid detergent Lotion Razors Shaving cream



Wish List

Your group or business can support the Health Wagon mission by donating items or making a cash donation for purchase. All medicines and supplies must be unopened and not out of date (expired).

Surgical mask with face

Over-the-Counter Medications

Sunscreen Toilet paper Toothbrushes Toothpaste

Office Supplies

Batteries Clip boards Disposable coffee cups Copy paper Disinfecting wipes Wal-Mart dift cards Hand sanitizer Highlighters K-cups Mailing envelopes Manila folders, letter size Paper clips Paper towels Pens/pencils Post-it notes Scotch tape Sharpies Stamps, First Class or Forever Stapler and staples Stapler remover 33-gallon garbage bags Three-ring binders White-out

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