



Giving Tuesday Looking for the helpers



Ellie Gerig is certainly one of the helpers at Center for Healing & Hope, providing critical support for the team and mission.

Fred Rogers once shared the wisdom his mother gave him: “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

At Center for Healing & Hope (CHH), we see those helpers every day. They are the donors, volunteers, and partners who step in when neighbors struggle to have their healthcare needs met. For someone facing illness without the means to pay, the situation can feel overwhelming—like a problem too big to solve. But then the helpers appear.

“Since retiring from my nursing career, I’ve been enjoying various volunteering opportunities in the Goshen area,” said volunteer Ellie Gerig. “Two afternoons a week, I’m in the CHH Pharmacy, receiving and dispensing medications, and helping with other related tasks. This hopefully frees up the Medical Assistants a bit more to focus on their many other responsibilities.”

“It’s a small part in the overall work and mission of CHH,” she continues, “but I’m glad to have had this opportunity for a few years now. I very much enjoy the staff here, several of whom I previously worked with in other settings over the years.”

Thanks to CHH's partnership with Dispensary of Hope, the clinic has on demand access to crucial medications that our patients need. Even better, we are able to prescribe those, sometimes expensive, medications to our low income, uninsured patients at no cost.

“With the amount of diabetic care we provide here at Center for Healing & Hope, our partnership with Dispensary of Hope is invaluable,” says CHH Executive Director Missy Schrock. “I specifically think of one medication we provide here that could cost around \$1,000 for a month's supply for an uninsured person paying retail value,” she continues. “We can provide that same medication at no cost. Not only does it provide great results for the patient's condition, but it removes the barrier of cost, clearing the path to healing.”

Giving Tuesday is December 2, and we invite you to be one of the helpers. We are seeking your support to help us raise \$7,500 to continue our partnership with Dispensary of Hope. Together, we can ensure that neighbors in need receive the prescriptions that bring healing without the burden of cost.

When the world feels uncertain, look for the helpers and remember that you are one of them.



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