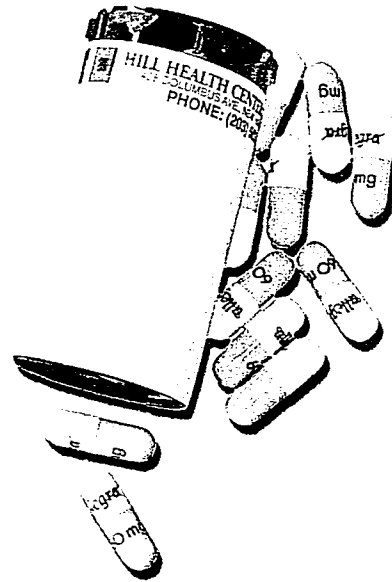


*Good health*

Good health is often out of reach for many Connecticut families. For them, a need for a prescription medicine can be a choice between dinner on the table or the medicine. Dinner usually wins. To make sure families do not have to make these difficult decisions, the Hill Health Center has re-opened an on-site pharmacy. Hill Health Center is in a unique position to help these families because — as a Federally Qualified Health Center — we can obtain low-cost medicines through the Federal 340B Program.

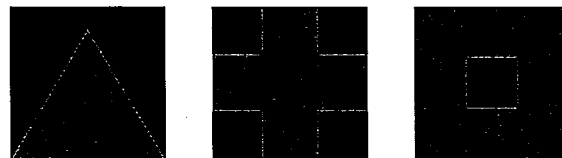
With more than 20 years experience in operating a pharmacy, Hill Health Center Pharmacy is the only one of its kind in Greater New Haven and is deemed a demonstration model for other community health centers in the nation to follow.



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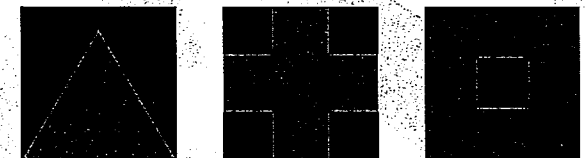
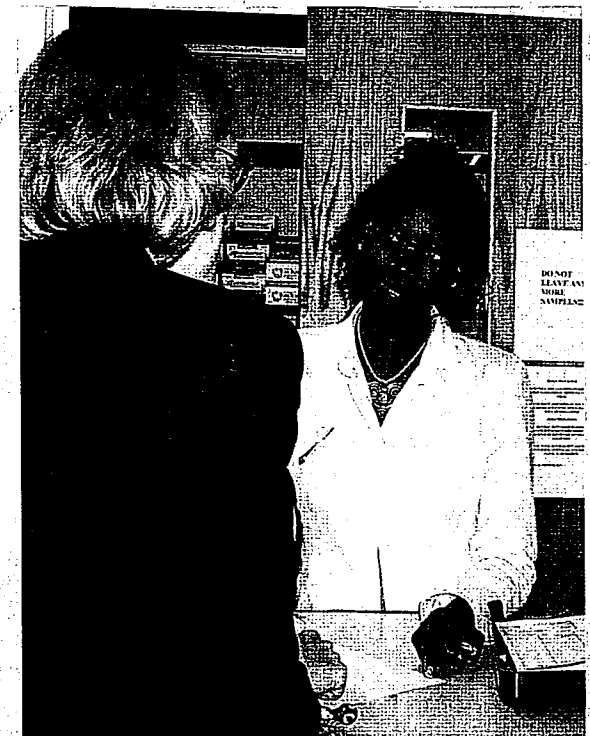


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# The High Cost of Prescriptions

*Here are examples of commonly prescribed drugs at wholesale prices. The examples given are annual costs for one prescription.*

Glucophage (for treatment of diabetes)	-----\$1,152
Wellbutrin (for depression)	-----\$1,596
Celebrex (for arthritis)	-----\$1,872
Pravachol (for high cholesterol)	-----\$1,300
Zyprexa, (an antipsychotic)	-----\$2,880

*A person working a full-time minimum wage job at \$6.70 per hour would annually gross \$12,846 and be beyond the orbit of city, state and federal assistance. It is hard to conceive of anyone affording these medications out of pocket.*

## Who will be Helped by the Pharmacy Fund?

*The Hill* is one of the poorest neighborhoods in one of the poorest cities in America. One of every five people in New Haven is poor. This is poignant, as New Haven is located in one of the wealthiest states in America.

The most impoverished patients get help with paying for prescriptions from Medicaid, the HUSKY program for Connecticut children, ConnPACE ( the state's program for the elderly) and some drug companies.

The people of our community who fall through the safety net are the uninsured "working poor." Of these, the very hardest hit are the chronically ill — children and adults with diseases like high blood pressure, AIDS, asthma, depression, diabetes,

arthritis, and the list goes on. Often a lifetime prescription is mandated for good health and, to put it simply, assistance comes from nowhere. More than 5,000 HHC patients fall into this group. For many of these families, some drugs are still too expensive, even with the 340B program. That is why the Pharmacy Fund was created.

Hill Health Center is establishing the Pharmacy Fund to insure no one is denied an urgent medicine that could save his or her health. Donations to the Fund will earn interest, with the goal of being ultimately self-sustaining. The Fund will be used solely to help uninsured patients pay for prescriptions at the HHC Pharmacy in situations where generics and drug company programs don't apply.

## Case Examples

*Here are two real examples of "working poor" people who fall through the net. Names and certain circumstances have been disguised.*

*Marie* is a 50-year old Italian immigrant, a single parent of three adult children. She owns a small home in the Hill neighborhood. After many years as a factory worker with health benefits, she was laid off. She returned to work as a landscaper with no health benefits. She continues to pay high property taxes on a pay plan with the city. Many years ago, she was diagnosed with high blood pressure at the HHC and placed on medication. She wants to return for treatment and could be seen at the HHC despite a lack of insurance. She now fears she has chronic kidney disease. But as she says, *"What good is it if the doctor finds out what's wrong, when I can't pay for the medicine."*

*Ms. Brown* adopted her four grandchildren. Otis, her oldest grandson, is 19 years old and works for a minimum wage. He has been recently

diagnosed with mild Down Syndrome. Because this diagnosis was not made during childhood, he is ineligible for Medicaid coverage for needed medications that can cost \$1,300 a year. Otis will go without unless the Pharmacy Fund can reach him.

Our request is straightforward. Our program couldn't be more direct. The Pharmacy Fund goes to the essence of good health. We ask you to fill a prescription for uninsured people like Marie or Ms. Brown's family. Your gift will bring good health to people like them.

*Yes, I wish to help "fill a prescription."  
My tax-deductible donation is included:*

\$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$1,000 Other \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish to make an unrestricted gift to  
Hill Health Center for \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Please make check payable to "Hill Health  
Center Pharmacy Fund"*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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