



# Celebrating 20 years of Faith Pharmacy

**This month we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Faith Pharmacy in our community.** Faith Pharmacy began as a beautiful collaboration between Dr. Patrick DeLuca and Dr. Patrick Schneider of Christ the King Cathedral and Cliff and Shari Cason of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. They formed a group of pharmacists, physicians, social workers, and church members who worked together to bring a shared vision to reality: providing prescription medications at no cost to patients who either had no health insurance or those who could not afford their prescription co-pays. After two years of planning and persistence, Faith Pharmacy officially opened its doors on July 1, 2000 on East Seventh Street.

In late 2014, the East Seventh Street building was condemned and Faith Pharmacy had to find a new home. In January 2015 Faith Pharmacy moved into a small office at Mission Health Lexington. Mission Health Lexington now has four clinics: Dental, Vision, Medical, and Pharmacy. While Faith Pharmacy receives referrals from other clinics, emergency rooms, and physician offices around Lexington, the majority of referrals now come from Mission Health Lexington prescribers.

Faith Pharmacy is open every Saturday morning and is operated primarily by volunteer pharmacists, pharmacy and pre-pharmacy students, interpreters, social workers, and administrative volunteers.

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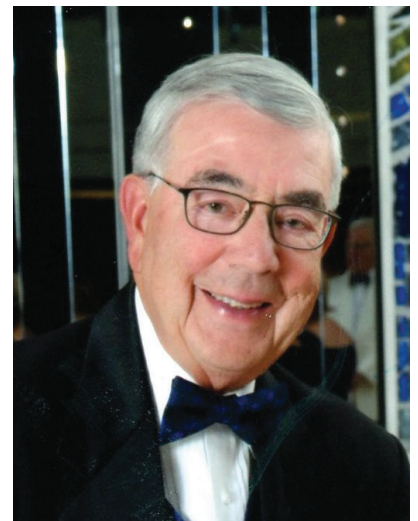
# Introducing the Dr. Pat DeLuca Faith Pharmacy

**Submitted by** Deacon Nick Nickl of The Catholic Diocese of Lexington

**It's somehow a fitting part of service with humility that many of the people whose lives have been most touched by the late Dr. Pat DeLuca (9/7/35-**

**5/22/19) don't even know his**

**name.** They are the patients served at Faith Pharmacy, founded by Dr. DeLuca and others who were committed to finding a solution for Lexington residents who were unable to afford the high cost essential medicines. In 20 years, thousands of prescriptions have been dispensed, bringing health and healing to so many who never heard of Dr. DeLuca.



**But now the pharmacy is getting a new name: Dr. Pat DeLuca Faith Pharmacy.** Moreover, that new name will be given to a beautiful

newly renovated facility. Thanks in no small part to many generous donations made in Pat's honor, the pharmacy now occupies almost triple its former quarters, with space enough to continue to expand service to more and more patients. That extra capacity will be important: last year 4,585 prescriptions were filled by over 20 volunteer pharmacists, up 31% from the prior year. Each of our volunteers strives to live up to the legacy of Dr. Patrick DeLuca to serve those less fortunate individuals in our community providing them with a portion of their ongoing prescription and health needs.



**The newly renovated pharmacy, renamed in honor of its founder, Dr. Pat DeLuca.**





# Covid-19 at Mission Health Lexington

Mission Health Lexington has remained open throughout the pandemic and the clinics are busier than ever as more Lexingtonians have become eligible for services. Mission Health Lexington has adapted operations to ensure the safety of volunteers, staff, and patients with the follow changes:

- **Patients who drive to the pharmacy are provided curbside service.**
- **Telemedicine appointments are available.**
- **Every staff member, volunteer, and patient are required to take their temperature upon arrival to the clinic and must wear a mask while in the building.**
- **Patients must answer a Covid-19 questionnaire before seeing a provider.**
- **Extensive PPE is available for providers including gowns, N95 masks, level 1-3 surgical masks, gloves, and face shields.**



We have received additional support from our community that has allowed us to meet the needs of our patients during such a trying time. We are grateful to Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc., Fayette County Health Department, Superhero Mask Project, Mary Thompson, Meg Boden, and Patrick Smith for connecting us with additional PPE for our teams. We also received special funding from Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation, United Way of the Bluegrass, and the Blue Grass Community Foundation to support the increased expenses in the clinics as a result of Covid-19.



**“The Coronavirus Response Fund was established to support organizations that are doing incredible work in meeting the immediate needs of Central Kentucky residents affected by the current pandemic. Mission Health Lexington is doing incredible work in serving a significant surge of residents who need vital medication but are unable to afford it. United Way is proud to partner with Blue Grass Community Foundation and support Mission Health Lexington’s efforts in protecting the health, well-being, and financial security of Central Kentucky residents.”**

**- United Way of the Bluegrass**



**“At the Community Foundation, we strongly believe that we get better together. Mission Health Lexington plays a critical role in our community to meet the health and medication needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, which makes it a perfect partner to receive funding from the Coronavirus Response Fund.”**

**- Blue Grass Community Foundation President/CEO Lisa Adkins**



# Invest in Your Community

Invest in the important work of Mission Health Lexington with your prayers, the giving of your time, and talents. We are busier than ever and are currently looking to expand our team of volunteers! Below are our highest needs. For more information contact Lisa West at [lisa@missionlexington.org](mailto:lisa@missionlexington.org).

**Optometrists:** Our team of optometrists provide routine eye exams and prescriptions for glasses. Each clinic shift is 2 hours with flexible options Monday through Thursday. We are looking for someone to volunteer at least once monthly.

**Oral Surgeons and Endodontists:** We are looking for additional providers to join our dental team. No minimum commitment required.

**Pharmacy Volunteers:** Faith Pharmacy has a variety of volunteer opportunities with openings in the follow areas:

- **Pharmacists:** Shift is 8:30am-12pm on Saturday. We are looking for volunteers to work 1-2 shifts per quarter.
- **Triage Volunteers:** This role works directly with patients and serves as the main point of contact for patients dropping off and picking up prescriptions. Shift is 8:00 am-12 pm on Saturday. We are looking for volunteers to work 1-2 shifts per quarter.
- **Spanish Language Interpreters:** Assist pharmacy team and patients with interpreter needs. Shifts are Saturdays 8:30 am-12:00 pm.

## You can make a financial investment in Mission Health Lexington in the following ways:

- Return the enclosed envelope to 230 S. Martin Luther King Blvd, Lexington, KY 40508.
- Visit [www.missionhealthlex.org/donate](http://www.missionhealthlex.org/donate) to make a contribution with a credit card online.
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- Make a contribution to the Mission Health Lexington Endowed Fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation. Contact Gift Planning Officer Halee Cunningham at [halee@bgcf.org](mailto:halee@bgcf.org) for more information. The foundation accepts a variety of assets including stock, IRA charitable rollover contributions, and real estate. Additionally, you can visit [bgcf.org](http://bgcf.org) and select the Mission Lexington Endowed Fund on the Donate Now page to make a contribution with a credit card.