

How does your gift to The HealthCare Connection make a difference?

We help neighbors who are near...

Beth started a business in Lockland that drained her financial resources, and she didn't have health insurance. She hadn't been feeling well and one day she was at a hardware store buying furnace screens when she knew she had to go somewhere for medical help. She thought, "Do I call 911 or do I go to Lincoln Heights Health Center because it is close?" She was shocked to find that she was diabetic. With our treatment and support, she learned to manage her disease and feel healthy again.



We help neighbors otherwise forgotten...

Our four sites housed in community behavioral health centers provide medical services to 1,700 patients with severe mental disorders. "People with severe mental illnesses still face a lot of stigma from other health care providers. They are very reluctant to go, out of fear in how they'll be treated, so a lot of times they don't get the care they need. The HealthCare Connection has brought the care to them, which is really a new model that's emerging. I feel that we're on the cutting edge in providing care to these populations who don't normally have care," says Janice Bogner, Senior Program Officer of the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. Last year The Foundation provided \$110,000 to The HealthCare Connection to help provide better access to medical services for these patients.

We help neighbors struggling to help themselves...

A staggering 74 percent of our patients earn less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. That's less than \$44,770 for a family of four. The main reason we care about this isn't because of these numbers. It's because each number represents a real person who is struggling everyday to make ends meet. For these people, health care competes with other needs like food and utility bills. With your generosity and the support of others like you, these people won't have to choose between paying for rent or groceries and getting the health services they need.

We help neighbors from afar...

The HealthCare Connection serves many immigrants from places all over the world such as Central and South America and Africa. One of our interpreters, Abda Tall, says "It is a big help for the people who come from Africa. They often arrive here with health problems. Most speak little English. They don't understand the system, even if they speak a little English. But when they know there is someone at the Lincoln Heights Health Center who will help them, and speaks their language it makes them very comfortable and happy to."

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We help neighbors without insurance...

People who don't have insurance coverage have a harder time accessing services, whether they're children or adults, whether they're seeking preventative services or treatment for a minor illness. Most of the uninsured are in working families. In fact, 84 percent have at least one worker in the family and nearly 60 percent have a full-time worker in the family. These are people who are either not offered coverage through their employer, or if they are offered coverage, it is prohibitively expensive for them and they can't afford to take it. Despite growing numbers of uninsured patients, we do not turn anyone away. The HealthCare Connection has provided nearly \$2 million in uncompensated care over the past three years.

Make a Difference!