

DCSNO Medical Center Dispenses Hope to New Orleans

-- Daughters of Charity Pharmacy Provides Access to Needed Medications--

With the continued changes in the economy patients are looking at ways to cut expenses. Too often hard choices are made regarding paying for food, shelter, or prescription medications. In keeping with the mission of providing compassionate healthcare for the poor and vulnerable, the Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans assists patients with finding resources to assist with acquiring the medicines they desperately need.

At the Daughters of Charity Medical Center pharmacy located at 111 N. Causeway, Medicare eligible seniors who are age 65 or older can get help finding prescription assistance programs to meet their needs. Many patients are not aware of the resources provided through Medicare and therefore are not taking advantage of the savings available. A key element of the program that many seniors overlook is providing a complete list of all of the medications. Bringing a list of all of your prescriptions (or the prescription bottles) to the DCSNO pharmacy will allow the staff to find a program that covers **all** of the medications. The staff can also provide guidance in determining the best program based on eligibility. Many medications are available at very low costs or free!

The Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans (DCSNO) pharmacy also continues to make it possible for eligible patients to receive the medications they so desperately need through a unique partnership with Nashville-based organization, Dispensary of Hope. Since April of 2008 DCSNO, a member of Ascension Health, has been able to dispense over \$75,000 in medications to the low-income or uninsured people in the area. "This partnership has given us the resources to provide our patients with greater access to quality healthcare," said Michael Griffin, President/CEO.

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