



# ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2012—June 30, 2013

## HEALTH CARE ACCESS - Who are we?

Health Care Access (also known as the Phoenixville Healthcare Access Foundation) was established in late 1999 to help uninsured and underinsured children obtain dental care. Since then we have grown to include vision care, prescription services, an emergency orthopedic, and a mammogram program; serving children and adults.

Our clientele reside in the 19 boroughs and townships surrounding Phoenixville in

Chester and Montgomery Counties. Involvement by Health Care Access (HCA) not only improves the health and quality of life of clients, but the programs offered help to prevent what would surely be costly emergency care down the road.

HCA is unique because of our community provider model. We have created a network of local practitioners, including 15 dental, 9 vision, and one orthopedic practice; and 2 local pharmacies that

provide care for our clients at a reduced rate.

By utilizing existing community resources, Health Care Access has created a caring, successful and cost-effective template to meet the specialized health care needs of area residents.

The reality of today's economic downturn means that HCA is seeing more working individuals without insurance, and many who never needed help before, walk through the door.

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## Our Specialized Healthcare Programs

**The Dental Program** provides preventative care, basic restorative procedures, & emergency services. Required treatment is always covered for children, while scope of care for adults includes cleanings, exams, x-rays, fillings, extractions, and help with the cost of dentures or partials.

**The Vision Program** provides eye exams; basic and diagnostic eye care; and glasses or contacts to eligible individuals.

**The Mammogram Program** is a partnership between the local Breast Cancer Awareness Coalition, Phoenixville Hospital, and Community Radiology. It helps women aged 40+ obtain a free mammogram screening, with funding available for further diagnostics, if indicated.

**The Emergency Orthopedic Program** assists with injuries that need immediate in-office treatment by an orthopedic specialist.

**The Prescription Program** helps people without prescription coverage to access Patient Assistance Programs offered by drug companies that provide free or reduced-cost medications to those who qualify. Health Care Access also helps clients obtain emergency, "hold over" prescriptions so that they may begin their medications immediately or maintain steady drug levels until their PAP qualifications are established.



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## From the Executive Director

I tell people how lucky I feel to have such a great job. It is my honor to administer the programs of Health Care Access and here's why —

My staff of 2 full-, and 2 part-time people are dedicated and skilled, and together we make a great team.

I am grateful for the support of an active and committed board who have steadfastly helped the organization to grow over the years.

Our clients continuously provide us with life lessons in humility. Their expressions of gratitude are very strong

***The Mission of Health Care Access is to improve the quality of life in the Greater Phoenixville area by helping residents obtain the health care they need.***

motivators to keep plugging ahead.

So many providers and other human service agencies in the community are willing partners in our specialized health care network.

And lastly, we have been privileged to have generous supporters who believe in our mission, and without whom we

could not exist.

Yes, I'm a lucky gal.

***Tracy Shantz***

Executive Director



### Maybe it Does Take a Village

This story was submitted by Greg Vallino, one of our vision providers, who, along with his brother Marc, own and operate Village Optical in Phoenixville. We are honored that they are a HCA network partner.

*A young boy of about seven, who was referred to us by Health Care Access, arrived wearing an unusually heavy coat given the temperate weather outside. He also seemed to be more scared than could be accounted for given that we were only going to look at his eyes.*

*Marjorie Arias, one of HCA's*

*program coordinators and interpreters, was present for the exam and so I asked her — "Why the winter coat?" She explained that the child had just arrived from Guatemala. Due to the political unrest there, his father had put him on a plane and sent him away wrapped in a winter coat. He wanted to protect his son even against our colder climate. The young boy was in our office in the first place because his departure had been so quick that he lost his glasses!*

*Imagine suddenly arriving in a cold new place, and without being able to see. We were privileged to make this child a priority and he had a new pair of glasses that very day.*

### A Health Care Access client

in her mid 20's came to us in great pain and with extensive dental problems.

Although her husband works, they do not have health insurance, much less dental coverage. We sent her to a dentist within our network who told her that, in addition to needing a deep cleaning, 15 of her teeth required fillings!

Think about the cost! Think about the pain involved! Think about the commitment it would take to return to the dentist that many times !

Over the past two years, our client has diligently worked towards achieving a positive state of oral health. She has made and kept every appointment. She has also committed as much of her own resources as possible towards the cost of her treatment.

Although Health Care Access has been able to subsidize her care, without her strong personal pledge, our support would not be enough.



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## Our First “Roast & Toast” Fundraiser

*Excerpted from the Saturday, April 6, 2013 article in The Phoenix by Candice Monhollan.*

If you don't know Dick Kunsch, you must not be from Phoenixville. Kunsch was born, raised, works, and still lives in the area. On April 13<sup>th</sup> he was the brunt of jokes by friends, family, and coworkers at the first “Roast & Toast” fundraiser for the Phoenixville Healthcare Access Foundation (Health Care Access).

Health Care Access provides specialized healthcare services for uninsured and underinsured residents of the Greater Phoenixville area. Kunsch is Chairman of the Board of Health Care Access and is all for raising money for the nonprofit.

“If the Roast accomplishes its purpose, then I'm willing to take all the jokes and comments in the world”.

Along with being HCA's Chairman, Kunsch is also CEO/Vice Chairman of the Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust, so it comes as no surprise that he is the subject for the Roast.



He is a Phoenixville legend.



Dick being roasted by Robb and Dave Frees, Co-Masters of Ceremony; by Don Coppedge; and by Jay Schaeffer.

### Health Care Access and the Affordable Care Act

Despite the *Affordable Care Act*, HCA does not anticipate a decreased need for our specialized health care services.

Unfortunately, both dental and vision services (our two largest programs) are not considered an essential benefit for adults at this time, and therefore, are not covered under the new medical insurance plans.

In addition, we anticipate, just as with the Medicare changes of several years ago, that there will be a lengthy period of adjustment to the new options.

### We would like to Recognize Some of the Real Stars of Health Care Access—our Dental & Vision Providers!

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### ***In Fiscal Year 2012-13 Health Care Access was able to provide local residents with:***

**Dilated Eye Exams & Glasses/Contacts**  
**Consults with an Eye Care Specialist**  
**Emergency Supplies of Medications**  
**Ongoing Supplies of PAP Medications**  
**Dental Cleanings for Adults & Children**  
**Dentures & Partials/Oral Surgery**  
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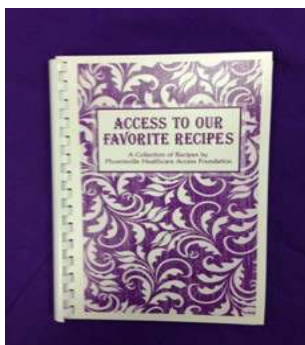
## Health Care Access Financial Report Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013



	2013		2012	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted
Support and revenues:				
Grants	\$525,250	~	\$525,000	~
Contributions	194,757	~	218,969	~
Investment Income	94	~	220	~
Net assets released from restriction		~	4,470	(4,470)
Total support and revenues	720,101	~	748,659	(4,470)
Functional Expenses:				
Program	611,907	~	613,922	~
Management & General	90,929	~	84,777	~
Fund Raising	23,954	~	13,368	~
Total Functional Expenses:	726,790	~	712,067	~
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets:	(6,689)	(6,689)	36,592	(4,470)
Net Assets, beginning of year	143,113	143,113	106,521	4,470
Net assets (deficit), end of year	\$136,424	~	\$143,113	~

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## What do you do if...?

### You are scheduled for critical surgery

on your knee, but the surgeon won't operate until you have six teeth removed because of the increased likelihood of infection, and you don't have dental coverage?

In May of this year, a woman in her mid-60's, on a fixed income, and without dental insurance, came to our office in desperation. Her knee surgery was already scheduled!

How was she going to get this quickly resolved? In addition, how was she going to afford the surgery when she had so little to contribute towards the cost of the dental procedures?

HCA was able to immediately connect this woman with an oral surgeon who is part of our network of providers. He graciously made time for her, and we are very pleased to announce that all six teeth were removed

in time for the knee surgery.

HCA's Dental Program was able to subsidize the dentist, making it possible for the client to afford the procedures, and take care of her health.

**FYI, during Fiscal Year 2012-13, Health Care Access directed 50% of all its resources towards the Dental Program.**

*HCA arranged to have a 23-year old victim of domestic violence seen by an eye specialist. Without our intervention, she could have permanently lost vision in her eye.*

*Health Care Access was able to connect two women in their late 50's with their first mammograms ever!*