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## **A Legacy of Compassion: After 26 Years of Dedicated Service,**

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### **Health Care Access Announces Dissolution with Pride and Gratitude**

**Phoenixville, PA** — After 26 years of providing specialized healthcare services to thousands of individuals across our community, the Board of Directors and Executive Director of Health Care Access have made the difficult decision to dissolve the organization. Programs have been closed, effective June 30th.

This decision was only after thorough and thoughtful consideration. Like many nonprofits across the country, Health Care Access has navigated a dramatically changing landscape in recent years, marked by reduced grant funding and shifting resources within the nonprofit sector. After a comprehensive review of the organization's financial outlook and the availability of other area resources to continue meeting our clients' needs, leadership determined that now is the right time to bring this chapter to a close with confidence that our community will continue to be served.

What we leave behind is a legacy that we are deeply proud of. Over the course of 26 years, Health Care Access has had the privilege of serving more than 26,000 community members: individuals and families who came to us in need of specialized healthcare support and left with the care and dignity they deserved. That number represents real lives impacted, and it stands as a testament to the dedication of every staff and board member, provider, and supporter who made this work possible.

*"This organization has been a 'blessing' and much needed resource to the greater Phoenixville community for over two decades. While this transition is bittersweet, we are at peace knowing our clients will continue to receive the care they need through our partner organizations. We close with immense gratitude and pride."*

— Renae Bierer, Executive Director, Health Care Access

Health Care Access has embodied the very best of what it means to serve its community. It's team of dedicated staff, board, and healthcare professionals brought compassion and expertise to every interaction. Meaningful and lasting relationships with clients and providers were formed and barriers to care removed. We are especially grateful to those who gave years, and in some cases decades, to this mission.

Health Care Access extends its heartfelt thanks to the many funders, grantors, healthcare providers, community partners, and individual supporters who believed in our mission and made this work possible year after year. Your generosity and collaboration were the foundation upon which every program was built.

Current clients will be supported through this transition process to ensure continuity of care. Health Care Access is working closely with area resources and providers to minimize any disruption to services. Clients and families with questions are encouraged to contact the office at 610-935-3165 or visit the website at [www.hcaphoenixville.org](http://www.hcaphoenixville.org) for area resources.

Though our programs will come to a close, the impact of this organization will endure in the lives of the 26,000 individuals we were privileged to serve. It has been an honor.

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### **About Health Care Access**

Health Care Access (HCA) was founded in 1999 as the Phoenixville Area Dental Network (PADN) in response to a needs study set forth by The Chester County Healthy Communities Partnership (CCHCP). The Phoenixville Community Health Foundation (PCHF) provided the primary funding for the development of this community health program that was operated in donated space at the Phoenixville Hospital. PADN started accepting referrals in January 2000 with the mission of providing funding for quality preventative, restorative and emergent dental care to eligible children of the Phoenixville and surrounding community.

Over 26 years, the organization has grown to serve more than 26,000 individuals through its programs. In that time, there were changes to the organization's name, its non-profit status, programs, staff, clients, providers, and board members. However, one thing has not changed: *HCA's unwavering mission to provide equitable, specialized healthcare while removing barriers that prevented community members from receiving care.*