A message from Versell Smith, Jr., Corner Executive Director

This has been an extremely difficult year, but your support of the Corner has allowed us to continue serving youth without interruption. You helped us implement telemedicine within the walls of COVID. You’re providing us with masks, cleaning supplies and other PPE. You’re doing virtual drives for the Corner Store and Food Pantry to serve our youth who are struggling.

More than $75,000 in individual donations has been received to assist the Corner through the pandemic. In addition, we have received COVID relief funding from Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Kalamazoo Community Foundation, First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Women of Washtenaw County, and others. We continue to work with Michigan Medicine and Ford Motor Company Fund to secure much-needed mental health care and programs in our community.

I was so proud when our staff and medical providers participated in the “Blackout for Black Live” demonstration to show our support for #BlackLivesMatter. More than just providing quality care, we are actively finding ways to promote equity in health care in our community. We hope to share more with you about these efforts in our next newsletter.

Your help during COVID keeps the Corner going and helps keep young people healthy through the pandemic and beyond. So thank you to each of you for being active partners in our work to develop projects in our next newsletter.

For more information, visit www.cornerhealth.org and click on the Sweet Pea PFFand’s “Services”.

Sincerely,

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Our staff provide top-quality contraceptive and prenatal care, and support the mothers and fathers and programs to help them.

Your support helps these parents provide for their babies and assures each family is off to a strong and healthy start.

The Corner works with mothers and babies through group programs around topics like Safe Sleep for Baby, Self-Care for Moms, and Parent Café, which we look forward to resuming after COVID. We also counsel them on contraceptive options after their baby is born. That’s why over Corner moms breastfeed their babies.

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Four main ways to help:

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Long Time Donors Finding New Ways to Help

David and Carol Clifford have been strong supporters of the Corner for more than 20 years. David is a past president of our Board of Directors, and served on the capital campaign committee to purchase and renovate our buildings. In September, David and Carol decided to provide general support to help the Corner during the pandemic through a special program, #HalfMyDAF.

The initiative supports a special program, #HalfMyDAF. "Unlock $120 billion in hidden funding" resting in donor advised fund (DAF) accounts by encouraging those with DAFs to contribute half of their fund’s assets to charitable causes. Because of the current increase in need for support, the Risher’s offered a matching grant for this special program, #HalfMyDAF.

Carol decided to provide extra support to help the Corner during the pandemic through a special program, #HalfMyDAF. For more information about this program, visit www.halfmyDAF.com and speak with your DAF financial institution. Call Ashley Oberheide (919) 274-2254 or phone@cornerhealth.org.

YOUR SUPPORT INCREASES OPTIONS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

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• Alyca Farmer
• Ellen Clifford
• Inez and Frank Brelsford
• Lisa Herrman
• Kelly Cope
• Susan Huber
• Sharon Jolly
• Ellen Offen
• David and Kate Share
• Lisa Zbar-Mohamed
• Slothgirl and Family

In Memory:
• Dr. Patricia Wells
• Ruth Schellenberg
• Lisa Zbar-Mohamed
• Eric Mohamed
• Debbi Silber
• Larry Huber
• Naomi Hakim
• Richard Reiss
• Nancy Schellenberg

Your Corner store provides food, toiletries, diapers, and other needed items to our families.

Thank you to all our mask makers and mask donors! In addition to helping our staff, we are distributing these to patients to help keep their families safe.

Congratulations to Isaiah Beck, our latest graduate who has completed the Corner’s incredible Exhale program! Isaiah’s parents and his supportive sister are to be commended for their courage in helping Isaiah with his life-changing journey. Thank you to the Washtenaw Health Department for your support of the Corner, and to Ashley Oberheide, our Development Associate, for her help in coordinating this wonderful event.

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The Corner is planning a Saturday Flu Vaccination Clinic on October 10th for all ages to receive their shots. This is in collaboration with the Washtenaw Health Department. Visit our website for more information – www.cornerhealth.org.

Healthy Youth Healthy Futures: At the Corner hold summer-vacation cooking and nutrition classes and physical wellness activities outside our center with strong attendance. Thanks to The Carls Foundation for this important protection.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF!
• Stephanie Broodrick, Human Resources Coordinator
• Lisa Blute, RN, Associate Director
• Kendal Sloat-Rohman, Community Outreach and Youth Education Manager
• Amanda Cook, MPH, Urban youth Health Manager
• Blaime Morse, Health Specialist

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