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You Can Find Generations of Care at the Corner

Your support is providing generations of care. Just ask Tania.

This was not Tania's first time at the Corner when she joined our staff as Medical Assistant in September 2018.

Tania was a patient of the Corner when she was in high school. "A friend of mine told me about the Corner, and I started coming for my primary care when I was 16." Tania describes herself as a very active teen, involved in multiple sports. The Corner provided her with physicals, immunizations and contraceptive counseling and care.

Tania also knew she would need to be self-sufficient at a very young age. By age 18 she was living on her own, and starting a family. "Of course I came to the Corner when I was pregnant with my first child," she tells us. She explains she had no experience or role model on how to be a mom. The Corner provided pre-natal care, midwife services, and after her daughter was born, pediatric care. "I was so lucky because my doctor was David Share."

David Share is the founding medical director for the Corner. After retiring in 2011, Dr. Share continued to volunteer as a medical provider one day a week until retiring from volunteering in January. (See more about Dr. Share in this newsletter.)

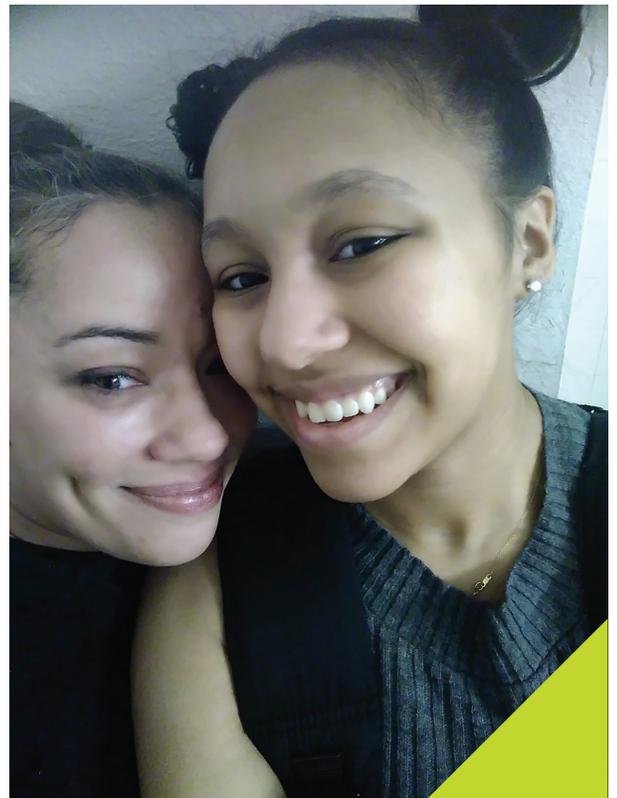
"I got everything I needed from the Corner," explains Tania. "They got me set up with all the services I needed to live on my own and raise my daughter. When I became pregnant with my second child, I was over 21, the previous age limit of the Corner. I was devastated and cried that I couldn't use the Corner! But they helped me make a smooth transition." Tania was able to continue her education in health care, and became a Medical Assistant in 2014.

The daughter she delivered with the Corner is now a patient of the Corner. "I'm so glad the Corner now serves patients up to age 25, I wanted my daughter to receive care here like I did," says Tania. Maia has two children of her own, delivered through the Corner, and is also a Medical Assistant. "I've grown up surrounded by medical professionals including my mom and grandmother," explains Maia. She plans to continue her education to become a nurse.

When asked what she likes about the Corner, Maia provides a list. "First, the waiting room. It's great that it's filled with people your own age. Then, how everyone understands what you're going through. You can talk to anyone here and they will help. I got everything I needed for my pregnancy – classes, child care education. They also really understand depression and help you go deep of why you're feeling the way you feel."

"People at the Corner take their job really seriously, and that makes me feel safe," says Maia.

Tania and other former patients, along with former interns continue to give back through the Corner as staff and volunteers. Thank you for your generous support that creates generations of good health!



Corner Medical Assistant Tania Hall and her daughter, Maia

DEAR CORNER SUPPORTER



You would be amazed how the momentum is building here at the Corner!

We have been joined by new staff who bring fresh energy and exciting ideas to our outreach and clinic services. This includes expanding our Health Educator

from part-time to full-time for year-round programming, thanks to support like yours.

Your gifts are helping us grow our mental health services with the launch of a new support group program called Mood Lifters. Additionally, volunteers and supporters like you are upgrading the Corner Store and Food Pantry, so as to allow us to better serve our community.

The Corner clinic continues to improve systems and outreach to meet the demands of growing health concerns in our community; this includes the recent measles outbreak in Washtenaw County, and the sudden rise in syphilis cases. **The Corner is committed to keeping our youth healthy today, for a bright future tomorrow!**

Strategic planning for the next three years has begun, with our staff and board of directors teeming with innovative ideas of how to address priorities identified in the **Washtenaw County Community Health Needs Assessment** report, and adapt the Corner for the future.

In this issue, it is my great pleasure to **honor our founding medical director, Dr. David Share**, who retired from volunteering at the Corner in January. David has been an essential member of the Corner since our start in 1981. We know David will continue to be a strong advocate for the health of our youth, and wish him sustained health and happiness in retirement.

Of course, we are so very lucky to have donors like you to help the Corner be the health resource our youth need to become healthy adults.

I hope you enjoy this update, and welcome your feedback on what you would like to see in future newsletters. Thank you for your support and your confidence in our work.

Happy Reading!

Versell Smith, Jr., Executive Director
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HOW YOU CAN HELP TODAY

Your gift to the Corner assures our youth receive high-quality primary health care, mental health services, and health education as they transition from children to adults. You can help our young people build the right habits and attitudes they need to live healthy, long lives.

- **Make your gift** securely online at www.cornerhealth.org
- Your gift of **appreciated stock** may offer you tax benefits*
- You may make your gift from your **retirement account** for more tax benefits* (see the article on the Lotus Society)
- Volunteer for the Corner Store and Food Pantry by filling out a volunteer application on our website – www.cornerhealth.org
- Give gifts in-kind for the Corner Store and Food Pantry. You can find our current wish list on our website, or at <https://Smile.Amazon.com> and selecting Corner Health Center as your charity. (Please note, the Corner only accepts new articles of clothing.)

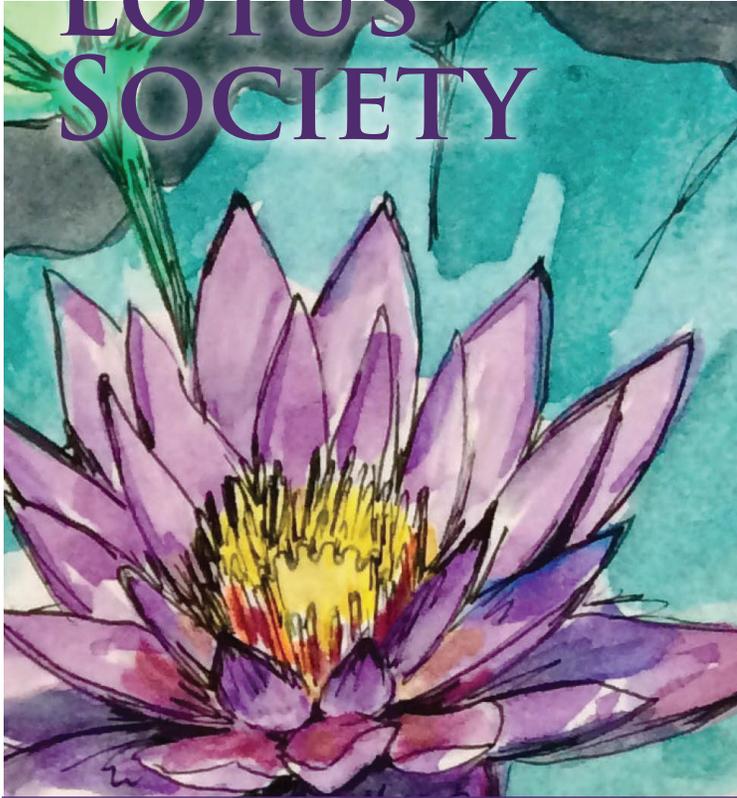
** Be sure to check with your financial planner about estate planning and tax benefits*

For more information, contact Paula Brown, CFRE, Development Director at 734-714-2251 or pbrown@cornerhealth.org

**Your gift today gives our youth
a healthier tomorrow!**

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LOTUS SOCIETY



YOUR LEGACY at the Corner

The Corner Lotus Society* celebrates those of you who have included the Corner in your will and estate plans. The lotus flower represents long life, health, honor and good luck, and was the favorite flower of our founder, Joan Chesler.

Joining the Lotus Society is simple – just send a note declaring your intent to provide a gift to the Corner through your estate plans. You may also find a declaration form at our website by clicking on “How You Can Help.” Please contact Paula Brown, CFRE, Development Director at pbrown@cornerhealth.org if you have questions.

** formerly known as Fountain of YOUth Society*

To notify us of your intentions, or if you have questions, please contact Paula Brown, CFRE, in the Corner Development office at 734-714-2251 or pbrown@cornerhealth.org. It is not required that you provide a dollar value to your gift in order to join the Lotus Society.



Ruth and Nathaniel Share on their honeymoon

RUTH AND NATHANIEL SHARE PATIENT CARE FUND

For more than 20 years, Ruth and Nathaniel Share, parents of our founding medical director David Share, donated each year to our Patient Assistance Fund, which assures patients who cannot pay for their care are able to receive all the services they need. When Nathaniel passed in 1999, the Share family joined our Lotus Society by establishing the Nathaniel Share Fund with the Corner, and continued to provide tangible support to our youth. When Ruth passed in 2016, she left a bequest in her will to continue this patient support.

In honor of the decades of service provided to the Corner by the Share family, and in recognition of their years of support, the Corner is renaming our patient assistance fund to the **Ruth and Nathaniel Share Patient Care Fund** to provide ongoing support for those who are unable to pay for needed services and care. Ruth and Nathaniel’s gift is creating healthy futures for the next generations of youth.

You may contact Paula Brown at pbrown@cornerhealth.org or 734-714-2251 to discuss your bequest arrangements and how you may leave a legacy for healthy youth.

2019 Gifts in Tribute

*Thank you for thinking of the Corner
for these special recognitions.*

In Honor of Neil Cole-Filipak
Mary Cole

In honor of Cathie Dries’ birthday
Ellen Offen

In honor of Max Heirich
Barbara Sloat

In Honor of Frank and Toos Judge
Margene and Greg Henry

**In honor of Jean Nelson’s recognition as the Corner’s
AFP Distinguished Volunteer**
Ellen Offen

In honor of David Share, M.D.
Mona Stolz

In memory of Michael Furin and David Hunt
Barbara Sloat

* This list reflects gifts received between October 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019. We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact the development office at aohlgren@cornerhealth.org if you have any questions.



Young People Find Extra Support AT THE CORNER STORE AND FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers Pam Feldeisen, Suzanne Tien, and Sue Snyder continue to help in the Corner Store and Food Pantry each week. Here they bagged diapers by size, to make it easy for our mom and dad patients to grab a bag when they come in for their appointments.

Your support is what distinguishes a visit to the Corner from an average doctor's visit for adolescents and young adults. Your gifts enable us to provide many outreach and educational programs, and one of the more important of these is the **Corner Store and Food Pantry**, used daily by our patients.

The Corner Store offers items such as school supplies, personal care products, diapers and wipes, and new articles of clothing. We depend on support from individuals like you and the community for the Store to be a successful resource for our youth, particularly those young adults who are living on their own.

For example, before the polar vortex set in this past winter, the Corner received a generous gift from funds raised by the **First United Methodist Church of Ypsilanti** summer spaghetti dinner that allowed us to purchase new winter coats for many of our patients and their children.

Donors like you help us supplement what the Store can offer through drives and personal donations. In March, generous groups from **DTE Energy, Citizens Bank, and the Health and Fitness Center at Washtenaw County Community College** held "Soap and Suds" drives for personal care products such as full-sized shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and lotion. **DTE and Citizens Bank volunteers** visited the Corner to pack up personal care bags which are now being given to patients.

The Corner Food Pantry is mainly stocked through weekly shopping at the **Food Gatherers** on-site pantry and their monthly deliveries. Through our partnership with Food Gatherers, the Corner is able to assure our patients always have access to nutritional and highly sought items such as frozen and canned meats, cooking oils, dairy, fresh produce and other shelf stable items. Thanks to a gift from **Galens Medical Society** we will soon be purchasing a commercial-grade refrigerator with glass doors for the Store that will allow us to display dairy and fresh foods for our patients to view and pick.

The Corner has also joined the free online Link2Feed database for a more efficient and accurate tracking of our patient's needs. **In 2018, the Corner distributed 9,250 pounds of food to our patients, which is equivalent to 7,708 meals.** Our goal is to do even more in 2019.

Maintaining the Store is a job too big for staff alone, and so the Corner recently created the **Corner Store Volunteer Program** for extra assistance. Our Interim Medical Director, Dr. Lisa Oca recruited the first team of volunteers ("Corner Club") who are coming weekly to help us sort and inventory the items we have in storage and get them into the Store. Other volunteer "jobs" include weekly shopping and assisting our clients when they use the Store. A full list of opportunities is on our website, www.cornerhealth.org.

Volunteers like you are helping our youth find total care at the Corner. **If you or your group are able to dedicate a few hours each week** to support the Corner Store and Food Pantry, or would like to **organize a drive or fundraiser**, visit the volunteer page of our website, www.cornerhealth.org, or you may contact Ava Ohlgren, Development Associate, at aohlgrn@cornerhealth.org.



DTE Energy volunteers dropping off donations for the Soap and Suds Patient Self-Care Kits, and staying to help sort and package for give-away bags.

If you would like to contribute needed items for the Store, the Corner maintains a wish list on our website, www.cornerhealth.org, and with <https://Smile.Amazon.com>. Thank you.

Celebrating Dr. David Share



Dr. David Share has dedicated the last 38 years to improving the health of youth at the Corner, first as our founding medical director, and then after “retiring” in 2011, as a faithful weekly volunteer medical provider.

Share has provided care and medical oversight to thousands of our patients from our founding year of 1981 through January of this year. Generations of young people have received Dr. Share’s care, including Tania and her daughter featured in this newsletter. He has also helped

shape the direction of Corner’s programs and services, and served as an advocate for healthy youth throughout the community.

For Dr. Share, the Corner has been a family affair. While Medical Director, David met his wife, Kate Jones Share, at the Corner, who continues to serve as our Nutritionist and Maternal Infant Health Program Coordinator. He recruited his parents, Ruth and Nathaniel Share, and his siblings to support the Corner’s work, along with many, many others.

We dedicate this newsletter to Dr. David Share, and his continued commitment to the health of our young people. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO CORNER VOLUNTEERS!



Citizens Bank - Ypsilanti Branch also collected donations for Soap and Suds, and helped create 80 give-away bags for our patients.

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**In Memoriam*

MISSION: Our mission is to provide judgment-free, high-quality, affordable health services to young people aged 12 through 25.

YOUR CORNER UPDATES

- ▶ Corner Nurse Practitioner **Lori Bennett** has been selected for the **Hometown Health Hero Award** from the Michigan Public Health Week Partnership for her work with youth experiencing homelessness. *(photo 1)*
- ▶ **Ellen Rabinowitz**, MUP, Health Officer for Washtenaw County Health Department provided an update on the state of health for youth in Washtenaw County at a Corner educational breakfast on February 26th. *(photo 2)*
- ▶ The Corner hosted an **Opening Doors reception** for Ozone House and Neutral Zone to foster collaboration between our agencies on behalf of youth in our community. *(photo 3)*
- ▶ Executive Director **Versell Smith** participated in the **School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan** event in Lansing to advocate for more state support toward better mental health programming in schools.
- ▶ The Corner received an anonymous gift for \$25,000 in December to support our **Turning the Corner Campaign**.
- ▶ The **James A. and Faith Knight Foundation** provided a grant for \$30,000 to assure access to full reproductive health services for all our patients.
- ▶ The Corner received year-end gifts from **stock donations and donor advised funds** totaling more than \$63,000! Thanks to all our donors for your generosity and support.



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