

Hope Community Health Center Saved Taxpayers Over \$200,000 in 2011!

Anna is a 53 year old Hispanic woman who lives in downtown Chandler, AZ. She works cleaning homes and cannot afford to pay for health insurance. She cannot obtain Arizona's Medicaid medical insurance because of dramatic cuts to the program and eligibility changes. Anna lives in an area in Chandler where 20% of the people live in poverty (Census 2010) and they do not have access to quality affordable health care. Hope Community Health Center (HCHC) exists to provide affordable preventative Family Practice medical care for the uninsured.

Anna became an HCHC patient in June 2011 after a friend told her about our low-cost clinic. In her first visit, Anna complained of breast pain and Dr. Ron Sell, HCHC's Medical Director, noticed a breast mass in Anna's left breast. In July, Dr. Sell referred Anna to obtain a screening mammogram for free. The mammogram confirmed a dense mass in her left breast, and so Dr. Sell ordered a breast biopsy in August. The biopsy confirmed that Anna had a cancerous grade 3 breast tumor, which is the most aggressive type of breast cancer. Fortunately, the tumor was yet only 6 mm in size.

Quick action was needed to remove the aggressive tumor or the cancer would spread. Dr. Sell contacted the Desert Cancer Foundation and was able to obtain a free surgery to remove Anna's tumor within 3 weeks of the biopsy. The surgery confirmed the cancer had not spread and the tumor was removed. Anna's life was saved! Anna's son appreciatively exclaimed to HCHC, "Thank you for saving my mom's life!"

Dr. Sell's quick action **saved taxpayers over \$200,000*** in hospital and cancer treatments that an uninsured impoverished woman certainly could not pay. There is a great fear among the poor that they will get sick and cannot pay for needed care[^]. When the poor delay obtaining health care, the cost and scope of needed health care services increases and these costs are passed on to taxpayers. HCHC provides access to preventative care for the uninsured, and in doing so saves taxpayers' money!

HCHC needs your help to continue to provide these necessary preventative medical services for the uninsured. Donating to HCHC your Arizona **Tax Credit for the Working Poor** helps low income families while reducing your state income tax. This law provides a credit for contributions made to certain qualified charities that provide help to the working poor, like HCHC. An income tax credit returns the donated amount dollar for dollar to your pocket. So, if you have already paid income taxes this year to Arizona and itemize your state return, you could **receive these credits back as a refund**. The maximum donation available, per year, for the Working Poor Tax Credit is \$400 for a married couple filing jointly, or \$200 for a single person filing individually.

*2010 figure for hospital stay, oncology, and radiology breast cancer treatments from Chandler Regional Hospital's Community Mammography Services. [^] Voices of the Uninsured Conference: St. Joseph's Hospital 2006



You have already paid more for other people's health care. Use Arizona's tax credits to **redirect your money!**

Hope Community Health Center reduces the number of uninsured patient emergency room visits by providing preventative Family Practice Care.

Families pay an extra **\$1,017** a year for the medical care of the uninsured.

Singles pay an extra **\$368** a year for the medical care of the uninsured.

Source: Families USA—May 2009

Donate to Hope Community Health Center To Utilize the Arizona State Tax Credit for the Working Poor

HCHC is a 501(C)3 nonprofit, so the donation can also be deducted from Federal income taxes

Mail the completed form (below) with a check in the enclosed envelope, **OR** go to www.azhchc.org and donate online.

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Hope, Health, & Help for the uninsured working poor

Hope Community Health Center

What Is Hope Community Health Center (HCHC)?

HCHC is a Family Practice clinic that provides compassionate, affordable medical care to the uninsured in the East Valley that addresses physical, social, spiritual, and emotional needs while sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

How does HCHC benefit me?

HCHC prevents unnecessary hospital emergency room visits by uninsured people with preventable conditions. It costs, at minimum, \$400 to seek treatment at a hospital emergency room. If HCHC keeps 300 uninsured people who cannot pay for medical care from going to the emergency room, that saves taxpayers at least \$120,000! We saved taxpayers \$200,000 by rescuing an uninsured woman from breast cancer in 2011!

Who Operates HCHC?

HCHC is headed by award winning physician, Ron Sell, MD, and president, Rev. David Engel. Dr. Sell received a Humanitarian award in October 2011 for saving an HCHC patient from breast cancer. HCHC has one paid staff member and the rest volunteer.

Who Does HCHC Serve?

HCHC serves only people without medical insurance. The people we serve come from all walks of life including small business owners, under employed workers, the unemployed, and people waiting for insurance benefits to begin.

What are the Hours of Operation?

HCHC is open on Thursday from 12PM—3:30PM, and Saturday from 8AM-12PM. We would like to expand our service hours to accommodate more patients, but need additional funding for operational costs.

Do I Need to Call to Make an Appointment?

Yes. HCHC is only able to serve people who have an appointment. Due to high community need for our services, we can only accommodate same day appointments if there is a cancellation. We are accepting new patients, but scheduled appointments are already being booked for 2012. In the first 6 months of 2011 we had 295 new patient appointments! To contact HCHC to make an appointment call 480-963-2720.

What are HCHC's Needs?

HCHC needs to expand hours of service, and to do so requires more medical supplies, laboratories, paid staff and additional funding. Because of the economic downturn, the need for our services has grown. We turn people away daily because there are more patients than we can accommodate. You can help meet this need by contributing your tax credit for the working poor to HCHC (at NO COST to you) or by becoming a monthly sponsor of HCHC!

How is HCHC Funded?

HCHC is a 501(C)3 nonprofit and has received grants from Chandler Regional Hospital, Sonora Quest Laboratories, Drexler Foundation, Arizona Cardinal Charities, and local churches. Individuals also contribute through tax credits for the working poor, payroll deductions through their employers, United Way #56280, and cash donations. Patients pay a small fee of \$15 to receive treatment at HCHC. For more information contact Dave Engel at 480-963-2720 or www.azhchc.org.

Become a Regular Financial Supporter of HCHC!

HCHC needs ongoing monthly support to provide these services for the uninsured. Become a monthly supporter of HCHC!

Levels:	Contributing Friend \$50/month	Need 100
	Supporting Friend \$100/month	Need 50
	Sustaining Friend \$300/month	Need 50
Acknowledgments:	Silver Level Donor—Noted in newsletter	\$5,000
	Gold Level Donor—Posted on website	\$10,000
	Platinum Level Donor—Website and on wall in the clinic	\$15,000
	Diamond Level Donor—The above and a public award	\$25,000



Dr. Ron Sell awarded a Humanitarian Award from the Desert Cancer Foundation in 10/11 for saving an HCHC patient.