



## [REDACTED] Health Care Center Helped Patient Afford Life-Giving Medications and Saved Her Thousands of Dollars

### The Patient and The Challenge

Even though she has a job taking care of others, Sally J.\* has no medical insurance to help her take care of her own medical needs. As a single mom of three, Sally was able to keep up with her family's medical care through public assistance. Yet, once her youngest child turned 18, she no longer qualified.



So, it was a blessing for her to notice a sign for the [REDACTED] Health Care Center while driving through [REDACTED] a few years ago. Suffering from severe migraines, she couldn't afford the medications to help get them under control, and "The state funded programs that they have are in neighborhoods that are unsafe; every one of them. That holds me back from going there. I would never go to these clinics by myself. So I wouldn't go at all, or I'd get too sick and end up in the hospital anyway because I was unable to get treatment."

*"You cannot get a prescription for a medication without seeing a doctor, and most doctors are too expensive for me," says Sally. "It's scary not being able to just make a doctor's appointment or just go to a hospital."*

### The Solution

Fortunately, the [REDACTED] Health Care Center staff was able to help Sally by providing her with prescriptions that could be filled for low or no cost through the pharmacy at [REDACTED], and since there is no co-pay or cost to those who visit the clinic, Sally was able to get the help that she needed. Unfortunately, soon after visiting the clinic for her migraines, Sally found herself battling cervical cancer.



## CASE STUDY: [REDACTED] HEALTH CARE CENTER

While she was able to be seen at [REDACTED] Hospital, Pittsburgh, for her cancer treatment, as the [REDACTED] clinic is primarily a general practice, Sally came back to the clinic for her follow-up care. She says she is “so grateful,” for the care of the clinic during a time when the cancer rendered her unable to work and without an income.

“The medications were the biggest thing,” she says. I definitely utilized the clinic for that. Plus, I feel confident that the doctor would definitely tell me if I needed more serious care, like bloodwork or a test. Then, at least I know what I’m dealing with and finding resources for the next step.”

### The Result

At this point, the worst of Sally’s cancer battle appears to be behind her, yet she appreciates that the [REDACTED] Health Care Center’s door is always open to her for when she needs it for typical ailments like bronchitis or the stomach flu, “I try to go down there to the clinic before it gets out of hand.”

“I know I could go there and be looked at before it becomes something serious,” says Sally. “They’re very competent. Dr. [REDACTED], I think he is fantastic. I think it’s wonderful that they volunteer their time like that. All the staff are very kind, helpful, and informative. I think they’re all terrific...volunteering their time is a wonderful thing. They have helped me a great deal.

*“They have enabled me to get all the medications I need so that I can stay healthy. I put in long days and long hours and can’t afford to be sick. They’ve saved me thousands of dollars, I’m sure. I’m very pleased,” says Sally.*

The mission of the [REDACTED] Health Care Center is to show Christ’s love and compassion by providing quality healthcare for uninsured individuals and their families, no matter their religious beliefs or affiliation. The clinic provides this **free care** each **Thursday from 5:45-8:30 p.m.** at the [REDACTED] Assembly of God church.

*\*Name changed to protect the privacy of the client.*

*The [REDACTED] Health Care Center currently provides approximately \$20,000 a year in free prescriptions and labs.*