



LOWER LIGHTS CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER



**“Now FAITH is being sure of what we HOPE for and certain of what we do not SEE.”
Hebrews 11:1**

Dear Friends,

As we get ready to wrap up 2011, we reflect on how the year began. Here at Lower Lights Christian Health Center, we ended 2010 on a discouraging note with a financing deal and plans for our much needed capital project appearing to unravel. We had accomplished so much and God had called us to do much more, yet the path and next steps seemed to vanish in front of our eyes. Now as the year comes to a close, I can clearly see how God has both led and provided for us in ways we could never have imagined. Recently, God reminded me of Hebrews 11:1—the verse He had given us for 2011. We were being called to step out and walk in **FAITH**.

FAITH is loyal, constant and steadfast. FAITH is trusting in God, His actions and His promises.

FAITH required us to:

- Continue to believe in His promise of the new administration and clinical facility even though it seemed humanly impossible.
- Continue to be sure of the work God is doing in the lives of our patients and staff even when we could not see a change or difference.
- Continue to do what is being asked of us by God even when we were uncertain.



Many of our patients have taken a leap of **FAITH** by coming to us for help. Some haven't received medical care for many years. Some have finally mustered up the courage to ask God to heal them of their addictions. A few of them have been afraid to ask for help because they can't read or write and don't speak or understand English. Some have come to our doors unsure of what they need, but looking for help. Many are suffering and mourning the loss of good health, employment, a home, health insurance, divorce and possibly the death of a loved one.





HOPE teaches us that what might seem impossible to us is attainable with God. “Who **HOPES** for what they already have? If we **HOPE** for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

(Romans 8:25.) **HOPE** allows us to:

- Continue to believe that Franklinton is becoming a thriving neighborhood reflecting God’s glory.
- Continue to dream of a health center where patient’s needs are met and lives are being transformed and God’s kingdom is advanced.
- Continue to provide and promote compassionate, culturally-sensitive, effective and sustainable health care delivery to all in Franklinton and Central Ohio.



This past September, we completed the first phase of our capital project by moving our administrative staff into offices at our new building. The move occurred according to God’s plan, even though, later than we had imagined. The impossible had become possible!

In 2011, Lower Lights Christian Health Center has many stories of **HOPE**.

**Mr. K. came to us feeling broken by alcohol addiction and was physically declining. With the support and encouragement of our providers, he has HOPE. He has accepted his addiction and is working on staying sober. His health is also improving.*



**According to his provider, Mr. C. cried at every appointment this year. At his last appointment it was different. He wasn’t crying and his provider said he was glowing. In spite of the fact that he had lost his job, doesn’t speak English and can’t read or write he had a smile on his face. With the help of LLCHC staff he had a medical provider, emotional and spiritual support, and his medications are provided at no cost to him. He has HOPE and feels loved and cared for by God because our staff has showed him God’s love for him.*



**Ms J. never imagined her life would change so dramatically. In one year she had lost her job, health insurance and her marriage. She was suffering from depression and anxiety. Just when she felt most hopeless, God’s call came to her. She found HOPE and her way to LLCHC and has begun the journey of rebuilding her life. She receives medical care, counseling and spiritual care. She is a reminder that at anytime we might be one day from the harmful effects of a declining economy. This year has been a phenomenal year of growth and HOPE through God’s power.*



In 2012, God will enable even more effective ministry through Lower Lights Christian Health Center.

VISION: "God spoke to him in a VISION at night and called, Jacob, Jacob! Yes, here I am Lord, he answered." (Genesis 46:2.) Just as Jacob responded to God's call, so must we. God's VISION has been revealed for the people living in Franklinton and Central Ohio. VISION challenges us to:

- Continue to do the important work that will transform the overall health of the community, serving one individual and family at a time.
- Continue to expand value based programs and services that will positively impact the lives of our patients.
- Continue to trust that God knows our desire to be faithful and how difficult our challenges are in responding to HIS call for the people of this community.



**Mrs. F. heard God's voice as she struggled with the drug addiction that led to her incarceration. Now sober and living outside of prison walls she knows that God is with her in her daily struggles. God spoke to her about her suffering and she learned through God's love and the support of the staff at LLCHC that she could ENVISION a different life for herself. She has taken the very brave steps of living a life of truth and free from the destruction of addiction. She faithfully asks God to guide her and protect her on her journey of recovery.*

**Another patient at LLCHC learned that the sight of another may have saved her life. She found her way to LLCHC because someone observed a growth on her head and thought she needed medical attention. Without health insurance she didn't know where to go. A friend suggested that she come to LLCHC. She faithfully came and was soon diagnosed with skin cancer that needed immediate treatment. Within a short period of time she had all the required tests completed, the growth was removed and she was restored to good health. It's amazing how God places us where we can fulfill His VISION for each other.*

God has taught us many lessons this year. How we respond to God's call to serve more people at LLCHC is challenging, however, it is essential that we live and "walk in the light" of God's VISION for us. (1 John 1:7.)

- LLCHC provided over 20,000 visits annually including Medical, Behavioral health, Enabling and Spiritual care..
- Over 45% of our patients have no Insurance.
- Over 60% of our target population is living under 200% poverty .
- Our capital improvement project will allow us to go from 6 to 16 exam rooms and more than double our visit capacity.



"I am completely blown away by the quality of health care Lower Lights is able to provide to those of us without insurance."

"I love everyone here. They are just like family. All the staff talks with you, not down to you. Thanks for being here when I need you."

"I have received care that I otherwise would not be able to afford. My physical, mental and spiritual health care needs have been met. This has given me that ability to function as a healthy and productive citizen of this community."

Your Remarkable Generosity:

The **VISION** God has for Lower Lights Christian Health Center is to grow and expand to reach others in need. We are called to offer the best programs and services to those in greatest need using our skills and training to improve the quality of health for our patients.

In past years, I have written to you sharing how grateful we are for our many blessings and asking you for prayer and support to continue the work of bringing the healing love of Christ to our community of people who desperately need us.

1. **This year, I am again asking you to bless our mission with the resources we need to cover the costs of care for people who are uninsured.** Our uncompensated costs this past fiscal year was over \$750,000. Please prayerfully consider your year end gift.
2. **This year I have an additional request.** We have pushed our current health center beyond its maximum 2,800 square foot use. We have moved our administrative staff to our new building to maximize the health care center's ability to care for people. We need your help to move our health center from the current 2,800 Sq. Ft building into our new 15,000 Sq. Ft. facility. To date we have served 5766 patients in 2011. Once our new clinic space is completed we can serve as many as 12,000 patients this year. Please indicate how you want to participate during 2012 with our \$2.35 million campaign, **Improving Health, Transforming Lives**. This additional gift can help us respond to God's call of reaching out with our hearts and hands to include many others in need.

It Takes You! Your gift will improve and expand a critical, high quality medical home for the medically underserved in Central Ohio. It's not about big buildings, but about big callings that transform lives. Please use the enclosed response form and join us in FAITH, HOPE and SIGHT as we complete 2011 and begin 2012.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and New Year,

Dana S. Vallangeon, M.D., CEO

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