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Bishop Advisory and Medical Advisory Committees also provide oversight.

Services Expanded to Shiloh Community

One of the staff goals for 2021 is to start an outreach clinic in the Shiloh area. We have several patients in the Shiloh, Ashland, and West Salem communities who must travel a distance to New Leaf, and we want care to be more accessible. Chad Kaufman, Physician Assistant, and founder of

Shiloh Medical Services has graciously offered their clinic and staff resources for this outreach.

The first one-day clinic with Dr. Ethan Scott will be held at Shiloh Medical Services on July 12, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If there is a lot of interest from families

who want to be seen in Shiloh, additional clinic days might be added throughout the year.

If you would like to schedule an appointment with Dr. Scott at Shiloh Medical Services on July 12, please call New Leaf at 330-359-9888. New and established patients are encouraged to call.

Patient Assistance Program Makes a Difference

New Leaf continues to assist patients who are on expensive medications and medical nutrition (formula). Jennifer Hershberger, Patient Services Coordinator, oversees and manages the program. She works to ensure families are enrolled in a program when assistance is available. This is often a time-consuming endeavor as each company has their own requirements for enrolling and renewing.

Medication/Medical Nutrition	No. of Patients	Savings (compared to generic)
Seizure Meds	9	25,000
Cystic Fibrosis Meds	22	730,000
Medical Nutrition (specialized formulas)	9	9,000
RSV Antibody	1	19,000
Miscellaneous	10	48,000
Total through Patient Assistance	51	831,000
Medical Nutrition given at NC (provided by three companies)	32	8,000
TOTAL SAVINGS FOR PATIENTS IN 2020		\$839,000

All companies offer the assistance based on a family's income. Once approved, the family is eligible to receive medication or formula monthly at no cost to them. Medications are usually shipped directly to the patient's home. New Leaf remains committed to offering this service, as the savings for the families and community is quite substantial. An example of this assistance at work can be



Jennifer Hershberger, Patient Services Coordinator

demonstrated by one of our Cystic Fibrosis patients who uses digestive enzymes daily with each meal and snack. The patient qualified to receive the enzymes free from the pharmaceutical company, and 300 capsules are shipped each month directly to their home from the program's pharmacy. The cost of the medication, if bought at a local pharmacy, would cost the family approximately \$2,500 per month or \$30,000 per year.

Bishop Advisory Committee and Church Contacts Hosted at New Leaf

In normal times, a meeting is held early in the year for the Bishop Advisory Committee and Church Contacts. This year on April 21st, New Leaf Center (NLC) staff and Board hosted the group for a rotating Open House. Groups arrived every half hour and stayed one hour. This was the first time many in attendance had seen the building.

Attendees received a quiz about New Leaf and toured the downstairs clinic area learning about specialty clinics, patient assistance, nutrition education, scales loaner program, and the spirometry program. Upstairs in the community room, pic-

tures were shown of the entire building process, and financial reports and research updates were given. Everyone present was thanked for their assistance, provided in various ways, in making the building a reality.

Thirty-one couples serve as Church Contacts representing New Leaf to the Amish community and helping distribute information to the churches. Church Contacts have a major impact in sharing the NLC story and on the funding received from the churches.

Looking at the Numbers

In 2020, New Leaf Center's expenses exceeded income by \$161,000. This was not totally unexpected with the pandemic and completion of the building project. We are debt-free and thankful there were reserves to help cover the deficit. The expense budget for 2021 is \$881,000 and will require increased giving to meet. Staff payroll remains the single largest item in the budget. Thank you to everyone who supports New Leaf Center.

A FAMILY STORY

Facilitating Early Diagnosis. Avoiding Unnecessary Hospitalization. Delivering Hard News.

Walking up the sidewalk, I see a 5-year-old boy with tousled hair, his bright eyes peering curiously out the window. Chickens peck contentedly at discarded pumpkins in their yard. As I enter, the covered porch smells like apples. I marvel at the amount of food this large family must consume each week.

The wooden planks in the living room floor are comfortably worn. A child with Galloway Mowat, just over 3 years old, lies in the center of the room on a sky-blue blanket. His eyes do not focus. His limbs reach for nothing in an unnatural rhythm. A teenaged sister with recently washed brown hair drifting down her back, pieces a dress a few feet away.

At first, I mistake the bundle on the couch for a pillow. Then, I realize the bundle is a sleeping infant, wrapped in a flannel

blanket. She is our youngest patient with Galloway Mowat syndrome. Her mother lifts her easily from the couch and places her in my arms. I scan the infant's face, looking for signs. Without the cord blood results, would I have guessed the diagnosis? Strange, how her perfect, tiny face hides an underdeveloped, disorganized brain. It is even stranger that I am seated in this family's living room as though just stopping by to congratulate them on their new arrival. Yet I must open my mouth and speak the words. Yes, the cord blood results are back. Their baby has Galloway Mowat. No, I wouldn't have guessed it by holding her. Yes, she will cry at night and the medications I prescribe to soothe her may not help. Yes, her kidneys will fail someday. We won't talk about that now. We must cling to hope.

- Dr. Olivia Wenger

Remembering Those Who Passed Away

Kristine Oberholtzer,
parents Calvin & Louise
– Shiloh, Ohio

David Hershberger,
parents, Jacob & Anna
– Peebles, Ohio

David Byler,
parents Andy & Emma
– Quaker City, Ohio

From June 2020 through May 2021, three New Leaf families lost loved ones. We remember these families as they deal with the loss.

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”
Psalm 147:3

Vaccine Paper Published

In January 2021 New Leaf Center published the research article “Vaccination Patterns of the Northeast Ohio Amish Revisited” in Vaccine.

The study highlighted the need for ongoing discussion and education about the recommended baby shots. There has been a trend towards increased vaccine hesitancy over the past decade. New Leaf hopes to host a series of small group talks with fathers about common vaccine concerns in the coming months.

Glycogen Storage Disease Research Project Underway

This spring a new project called “Glycogen Storage Disease 1a in the Amish Community” was approved to begin. Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD) is an inherited disorder that affects 15 patients at New Leaf. GSD causes problems with how the body uses sugar for energy. GSD can be hard on the liver as well as impact growth and development. Our goal with this study is to better understand how our group of GSD patients are managing their disease, what complications they are having, and how it is impacting their quality of life, so that we are better able to care for them in the future.

Learning More about Autism and Developmental Delay

Parenting is a noble calling. Parenting children who do not communicate like other children requires exceptional patience. Drs. Scott and Wenger are partnering with Michael Schaaf, a local special education teacher at Chestnut Ridge Elementary School, to learn more about autism and developmental delay. Both doctors want to do better helping parents whose children struggle with routine

changes, communication, and anxiety from three conditions (Blue Eye delay, Brittle Hair syndrome, and Down syndrome).

We hope they can use what is learned from these three conditions and extend it to other conditions we see at New Leaf. We are grateful for the assistance of local Help Me Grow specialists, Renee Spencer and Sharon Allison, in this project.



New Leaf Center’s Board assisted with donations and hard work to complete landscaping. A new sign was erected at Chestnut Street.



Tristan Miller, age 3, uses his shovel to help with the Board landscaping project. Tristan is the son of Board member Jason Miller and his wife Linda.

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Children with disabilities are like
butterflies with a broken wing.
They are just as beautiful as all others,
but they need help to spread their wings.
- Anonymous



Our Mission

New Leaf Center strives to improve quality of life for people with special needs caused by inherited disorders through cost-effective medical care, education, research, and advocacy.

Upcoming Events

June 25 & 26, 2021
OCCF (Ohio Crippled Children's Fund) Auction
Mt. Hope Event Center

Team Members

Barb Reinford
Executive Director
Olivia Wenger, MD
Medical Director
Ethan Scott, MD
Pediatrician
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Nurse Manager
Angela Zuercher, RN, BSN
Clinic Nurse
Janice Rufener, RN
Office Assistant/Nurse
Jennifer Hershberger
Patient Services Coordinator
Valerie Schaffter
Office Coord./Bookkeeper
Catherine Yoder
Office Assistant

New Leaf Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit clinic. We depend on the assistance from businesses, churches, hospitals, and friends in the community.