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Health care community benefits from Lancaster's Extraordinary Give

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Several midstate health care nonprofits got a jump-start on what to be thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday.

On Friday, Nov. 20, 55 health care-related nonprofits received more than \$600,000 in donations during this year's Extraordinary Give, an online giving day hosted by the Lancaster County Community Foundation.

Top five health care donations

Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County received the highest donations among health care nonprofits, with 503 donors chipping in \$66,530.

This Lancaster County organization provides a range of services, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, to children from birth to age 21 with congenital and acquired disabilities and developmental delays.

A close second was Hospice & Community Care, founded as Hospice of Lancaster County, with 459 supporters and \$60,999 raised. The organization, which provides hospice, supportive care and bereavement support for those coping with serious illness and loss, saw 10,000 patients and families in 2014.

Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services came in third, raising \$47,940 from 325 donations. The organization has five locations — four in Lancaster County and one in Lebanon County — and serves women, men and teens by providing sexual integrity education, unplanned pregnancy intervention and post-abortion restoration.

Treating patients suffering from rare genetic disorders, the Clinic for Special Children reported the fourth-highest fundraising total — \$37,710 from 182 supporters.

No. 5 was SouthEast Lancaster Health Services. It raised \$26,919 from 111 donors.

The organization provides many services including family practice, pediatric, women's health, chiropractic care, refugee health, family planning, prenatal care, prescription assistance, enrollment assistance, social services, behavioral health care, dental care and patient education — regardless of economic status.

How to get involved

To participate in the Extraordinary Give, nonprofits had to provide services to Lancaster County residents, but many of the organizations are impacting health care in counties throughout Central Pennsylvania.

Other rules include being registered with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code and to have a current tax-exempt status. Eligible nonprofits could also be chapters or affiliates of national organizations that are registered under Section 501(c)(3).

A full list of rules is available at extragive.org.

About the Extraordinary Give

The Extraordinary Give is in its fourth year.

The event took place for 24 hours, and a total of **\$6.1 million** was raised for the 367 participating nonprofit organizations.

This year, every dollar donated was stretched further, with at least \$300,000 coming from the foundation and presenting sponsor Rodgers & Associates Ltd.

Additional corporate sponsors included many local companies whose donations equaled \$50,000 in prizes and incentives.

It was the largest Extraordinary Give to date in terms of participating organizations, donors and money raised.

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