To Your Health
December 2020

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GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTH!

Make a donation to the Year End Appeal and help Whitney Young Health patients access medical, dental and behavioral health care.

- **$30**  Cover a co-pay for a patient.
- **$50**  Help a child get their teeth cleaned.
- **$100**  Buy a tank of gas for the mobile health unit.

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Whitney Young Health Welcomes New Dental Providers

Whitney Young Health has announced the appointment of Gordon Holder, DDS as Assistant Vice President of Dental. In addition to treating patients, Dr. Holder will direct the clinical operations, strategic direction and community partnerships of Whitney Young Health’s Dental Services. He will also provide clinical leadership for the Seal a Smile program, a collaborative dental hygiene program with Healthy Capital District Initiative that serves more than 60 Capital Region schools.

Also joining Dr. Holder on the Whitney Young Health dental team are Dr. Jackie Mamedova, DDS and Dr. Anthony Longo, DDS, both of whom will be working at the Albany Dental Office located at 900 Lark Drive, next to our Albany Health Center.

Whitney Young Health’s Dental Services provides full mouth x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, dental health education, fillings, extractions, partial and full dentures, and emergency treatment. Services are available at the Troy and Watervliet Health Centers, as well as the Albany Dental Practice which is located at 900 Lark Drive, next to the Albany Health Center. Whitney Young Health accepts patients without dental coverage on a sliding fee scale, as well as those who have insurance. To make an appointment, call 518-465-6330.

Around Whitney Young Health

The Gift of Warmth

Thanks to Coats for Kids, MVP, CDPHP and B. Lodge’s

Each year, Whitney Young Health provides brand-new, warm winter coats to our patients in need through the Coats for Kids, a national program, administered locally through MVP Health Care.
This year, due to the pandemic, the demand for coats was more than double what it has been in previous years, and more than what Coats for Kids could provide. However, no one had to go without, because CDPHP stepped in to purchase the remaining jackets on the request list.

Our thanks go out to our friends at Coats for Kids, MVP Health Care, CDPHP and to B. Lodge & Co. department store in downtown Albany, where the coats provided by both MVP and CDPHP were purchased.

**Above:** Boxes of coats from B. Lodge & Co. were delivered to Whitney Young Health's Albany Health Center, where they are being distributed to families.

**Right:** A family served by Whitney Young Health’s WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program pose with WIC employee Silvia as they picked up their coats at the Albany Health Center earlier this month.

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**Winter weather prompts COVID testing changes**

COVID testing recently moved to the Times Union Center in downtown Albany from its previous location at our Albany Health Center. The TU Center location

Drive-through testing is now being offered in front of our Watervliet Administrative Building (across the parking lot from the Watervliet Health Center) so people can be tested without leaving their cars. Walk-up
offers a place to wait for tests indoors and away from the winter weather.

testing remains available for anyone who does not have a car.

News stories about the changes in testing were recently featured on CBS 6 (WRGB) [here](#) and [here](#), and on ABC affiliate Channel 10 (WTEN)

To see the current schedule and locations for our COVID-19 testing, click [here](#). To schedule a testing appointment, please call 518-465-4771.

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**WYH's 3rd Annual Holiday Tree of Light**

*Employees give back while honoring and remembering loved ones*

A tree-lighting ceremony was held at 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 10 in front of our Albany Health Center for our 3rd annual Holiday Tree of Light event.

In the weeks leading up to the event, staff can "purchase" a light on the tree in honor, celebration or memory of family, friends and co-workers, for $5 per light.

All funds go directly to help our patients and people we serve to pay for expenses that are not covered by insurance, such as co-pays and over-the-counter medicines.

To watch the ceremony, please click the image below.

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**COVID-19 Updates**

COVID-19 has caused temporary changes to our services and procedures.
To learn more, please click the button to the right.

Updates will be posted regularly on the COVID-19 page on our website, so please check in frequently.

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