

Ashland Christian Health Center Adds Nurse Practitioner and Chronic Disease Program Thanks to SHF Donor Funds



“We’re so grateful to SHF for support over the years, especially for this new program we have that has been a dream of Ashland Christian Health Center for many years,” shared Cheryl Benway, Director of ACHC.

In 2022, thanks to generous donors to Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Ashland Christian Health Center (ACHC) was able to add Nurse Practitioner, Karen Schwan, to support their new Diabetes and Chronic Disease Program. Karen has been a volunteer at ACHC for many years educating community members on diabetes care. Through the new program, Karen provides diabetes education and chronic disease management clinics (e.g., diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, etc.) throughout the week that provide regularly scheduled appointments and follow up to help get patients on a path to healthier living. With these new services, the clinic will not only have walk in open clinics on Tuesdays and Saturdays with Dr. Snyder, but additional days throughout the week for follow-up appointments. As a nurse practitioner, Karen is able to assist staff and patients with prescription needs as well.

“We’ve also added some basic lab testing in-house to support the clinics, including blood glucose and basic kidney function testing to help determine the correct treatment path for the patient,” explained Misty Welch, Nursing Director for ACHC.

