

## **Newsletter**

Fall 2024



#### Dispensing Pharmacy Update

RoundtableRx is submitting an application to become licensed as a dispensing pharmacy with a home delivery model. "Currently, access to RoundtableRx medicine is dependent on a patient's proximity to a Local Repository, which can be a barrier," said Rachel Rockwell PharmD, RoundtableRx's Managing Director. "This home delivery pharmacy will expand access to all eligible patients in Minnesota."

Opening the home delivery pharmacy has been a long standing goal for RoundtableRx.

While explaining the logistics of the home delivery pharmacy, Staff Pharmacist Joanna Santana PharmD added, "the home delivery pharmacy will have a limited formulary of our commonly donated medications. The formulary exists so that patients know what we can consistently supply and so that we can be a reliable safety net for patients as we close the gap on medication access."

RoundtableRx now anticipates opening the home delivery pharmacy in the first half of 2025.

# Pursuit of Ongoing State Funding

RoundtableRx will seek to secure ongoing state funding in the upcoming legislative session. This move will further align our program with the national trend of state-sponsored medication repositories. The exact sum of funds is expected to change annually based on RoundtableRx's growth & evolving needs.

Although the primary source of funding will come from the state, our objective to diversify funding sources will persist. This approach safeguards the stability of the program.

We encourage champions of the program to voice their support to their legislators.

#### Impact Report for 2024 Third Quarter

RoundtableRx distributed 36,580 days of medicine to Minnesotans in need this quarter, which brings our lifetime impact to 130,140 days of medicine valued at over \$604,580 (NADAC). For more details about our impact and the demographics of those we serve, visit the Impact page on our website.

This quarter, RoundtableRx welcomed 6 new Local Repository partners. Our Local Repository <u>partners</u> now represent 34 sites in 19 unique Minnesota counties, with 62% of sites being in Greater Minnesota.

RoundtableRx invites clinics and pharmacies state-wide to join as Local Repository partners to access our no-cost medicines for under-resourced Minnesota residents. Learn how on our <u>website</u> or by <u>contacting</u> our team.



## Testimony from a RoundtableRx Partner

"We are a very small Free Clinic seeing only 4-6 patients one evening a week. We have only about 15 patients that we routinely see on a regular basis and it is those for which we try to get their medicines from RoundtableRx. Several are husband/wife and if we decrease their cost of medicines by 90% that goes a long way. Most of our patients are working poor and often did not refill their medicines regularly due to finances and transportation issues. We have found better medicine compliance by providing their medicines through RoundtableRx."



Norrie Thomas, PhD, MS, RPh

#### RoundtableRx Elects New Board Chair

RoundtableRx is excited to close out 2024 & begin the new year with Dr. Norrie Thomas as Chair of our Board of Directors!

"Dr. Thomas has been a crucial Board member & strategic leader with RoundtableRx since our organization was born," said RoundtableRx's Executive Director.

Dr. Thomas has also contributed extensively to pharmacy practice, having served in a variety of health-system leadership roles & academia.

RoundtableRx thanks our outgoing chair, Dr. Sarah Derr, for her leadership & ongoing service as a Board member.



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#### Thank You Funders!

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