

Cameron Lindsey In a feat of caring for patients with chronic illnesses, Cameron C. Lindsey, PharmD, B.C.-A.D.M., created the Patient Medication Assistance Program for the Jackson County Free Health Clinic, a program of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation, where she has volunteered since its inception in 2000.

Since that time, some 300 patients at the clinic have received more than \$650,000 worth of medication donated by pharmaceutical companies. The program is so successful that it has been expanded to include more than 30 University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy students to increase their service learning.

The program is designed to use patient assistance programs offered by many pharmaceutical companies for low-income, non-insured patients to provide them with free medication. Paperwork, including gathering supporting documentation—tax forms, check stubs, letters of denial from Medicaid—is completed by the volunteers and a database is maintained to track when refills should be requested. The program is staffed by volunteers of Kappa Epsilon, a professional pharmaceutical fraternity, with Dr. Lindsey serving as an advisor.

“We’re very proud of Cameron and the accomplishments that have been made through her professional volunteer work,” said Paul Thomson, Ph.D., President/CEO of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation. “Cameron also wrote and implemented a diabetes education program for which we were awarded a grant of \$5,000. This program offers two hours of classes on nutrition, glucose monitoring and free glucose test strips for the clients of the clinic.”

Her full time paid position is that of Clinical Assistant Professor at UMKC School of Pharmacy. Lindsey also maintains a clinical/teaching practice at the VA Medical Center in Kansas City.

