



Annual Report 2014

DME Exchange of Dallas serves a unique need in Dallas. We collect gently-used durable medical equipment (DME) such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs and home hospital beds, refurbish and sanitize the equipment and then distribute it free of charge to Dallas County residents who have a financial need, no health insurance or a gap in coverage and a prescription for the item.

Client Story



Ambrosio Leiva of Dallas is the sole breadwinner for his family. The 82 year-old has two children who depend on him as well as his wife. When Mr. Leiva needed a power wheelchair after one of his legs was amputated, his family turned to Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia for help. Dr. Garcia sent us his request, and we were able to deliver a power wheelchair to his home.



DME Exchange of Dallas was awarded the *2013 Healthcare Affordability Hero of the Year* from the Alliance of Healthcare Excellence. In 2014, we were selected as one of three finalists for the Center for Nonprofit Management's *Nonprofit of the Year* award.



Dallas County Commissioner – District 4 – Dr. Elba Garcia was the featured speaker at our December Friends of DME Exchange of Dallas event. Shelley and Mike Rosen hosted the event at their home.

The Benefits of DME

Providing DME to patients helps avoid hospital stays, avoid emergency room visits and avoid doctor visits. Every day, hospital discharge planners, community and charitable clinics, and physician offices are confronted with helping patients without financial resources or medical coverage obtain durable medical equipment (DME). This situation can result in the following:

- Increased length of stay. For patients who cannot be safely discharged without DME, their hospital stay is extended, increasing the cost of hospitalization.
- Hospital readmission. For some patients, recovery may be delayed, or they may suffer complications or re-injury without appropriate DME, possibly requiring hospital readmission and its associated costs.
- Slower return to productivity. Patients take longer to heal without appropriate DME, remaining at home and out of work longer.



Dr. Ron Anderson (deceased), Stan and Linda Pomarantz, Gail and Peter Loeb and Elya Naxon celebrated the Launch of the Friends of DME Exchange of Dallas in March 2014.

Since Opening Our Doors

We are the only organization addressing DME needs Dallas County-wide and the only one licensed as a medical salvage company by the State of Texas. Since opening our doors in December 2012, we have:

- Served more than 900 clients and distributed more than 1,290 pieces of durable medical equipment.
- Established client referral relationships with more than 30 hospitals and clinics including Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas, Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Parkland Health & Hospital System and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas
- Increased to full-time our bio-technician in order to pick-up, repair, sanitize and distribute more equipment to clients.
- Launched the Friends of DME Exchange of Dallas in March 2014.



Volunteers from King of Glory Lutheran Church help collect and clean DME.

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Client Story



John (not his real name) is a single father of three living with multiple sclerosis. He was using a chair purchased from the Scooter Store. His chair fell apart, and the Scooter Store is no longer in business. John was not able to get a new chair through insurance because he was not eligible for another one within a certain time period, usually three to five years.

Examples of Durable Medical Equipment

- Manual and power wheelchairs
- Home hospital beds
- Air or gel mattresses
- Sliding and rolling walkers
- Rollators (walkers with seats)
- Crutches and canes
- Shower chairs
- Tub transfer benches
- Raised toilet seats
- Patient lifts



Temple Emanu-El held a Collection Day in March 2014 where they collected a truckload of equipment.

From its beginning, DME Exchange of Dallas has been generously supported. We are grateful to all of those who have supported us during our first years of operations.

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