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## **Advance Community Health Kicks Off Its 50th Anniversary With A \$50,000 Grant from Advance Auto Parts Foundation**

**RALEIGH, NC** – Advance Community Health is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding, and in honor of this momentous milestone, Advance Auto Parts Foundation has awarded Advance Community Health with a \$50,000 grant to support the launch of the “ACH Cares” pharmacy prescription assistance program to promote heart health.

The ACH Cares prescription assistance program was established by Advance Community Health Pharmacy Director, Dr. Portia Johnson, to help patients reduce out-of-pocket prescription expenses. Through the program, staff will be able to identify copay assistance, grants from charitable organizations, and in some cases, payment plans for patients struggling to meet out-of-pocket prescription costs.

“It’s our job to ensure that our patients have access to the services and medications needed to live healthy lives,” said Johnson. “This is just one of many ways that we’re putting our patients first and being proactive in our approach. We are thankful for our community partners, such as Advance Auto Parts, who enable us to push this work forward.”

The program is scheduled to launch Monday, February 14, 2022, and will be open to Advance Community Health patients who meet the income qualifications. “Advance Auto Parts Foundation has identified individual health and well-being as one of its primary focus areas,” said Elisabeth Eisleben, foundation president and senior vice president, communications and investor relations of Advance Auto Parts. “This gift underscores both the foundation’s commitment to the Raleigh community and the pervasiveness of cardiovascular illness in the region and the nation.”

### **50 Years of Strategic Disruption**

Since its founding in 1972, Advance Community Health—originally known as Wake Health Services—has served as a critical healthcare resource for communities of all backgrounds, providing care to privately insured, uninsured, underinsured, and underserved patients.

“If I could pick one phrase to describe the last 50 years, it would be *strategic disruption*,” said Scot McCray, Advance Community Health CEO. “Our keen ability to grow and adapt is what has allowed us to be here today. As we look toward the future, we are committed to continuing our legacy of disrupting the norm and breaking down barriers to care for our community.”

### **A Golden Year of Celebrations**

As Advance Community Health kicks off its 50th anniversary, the organization invites the community to mark your calendars for a series of exciting events throughout the year including:

- **January 20, 2022:** New Website Reveal
- **February 14, 2022:** Launch of ACH Cares Program
- **March 19, 2022:** Southeast Raleigh Building Dedication and Community Site Tour
- **August 13, 2022:** ACH Summer Block Party
- **October 22, 2022:** Hearts of Gold 50th Anniversary Gala

For more information on Advance Community Health’s 50th anniversary celebration, including a calendar of events, visit <http://www.advancechc.org>.

### **About Advance Community Health**

Advance Community Health is a private, non-profit community health center in Wake and Franklin counties with a mission to deliver quality, compassionate primary health care – every patient, every time – in response to the needs of our communities. Since 1972, we have been an anchor of quality, compassionate health care for more than 26,000 patients of all ages, backgrounds, and income levels. Our community-based, patient-driven health centers provide comprehensive primary care, pediatrics, dental care, nutrition education, behavioral health counseling, a 340B pharmacy, mobile health services, health care for the homeless programs, and more!