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Erie Community Pharmacy Announces Record Growth and Mission Milestones Since Opening

Sandusky, OH – [February 10, 2026] – Since opening its doors this past November, Erie Community Pharmacy has quickly established itself as a critical pillar of public health in the region. As an integral program of the Erie County Health Department (ECHD) and the Erie County Community Health Center (ECCHC), the pharmacy is proud to announce that it has already provided essential care to 354 unique patients and filled over 1,800 prescriptions.

The pharmacy was designed to serve as a high-functioning retail facility and a 340B-designated provider, ensuring that the patients of the ECCHC and the broader community have a direct, affordable pathway to their medications. These early milestones reflect the success of integrating pharmaceutical care into the Health Center's comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health services.

As a program of the ECCHC, Erie Community Pharmacy leverages the Federal 340B Drug Pricing Program to lower the barriers to care. This designation allows the pharmacy to provide significantly discounted medications to eligible patients, acting as a financial safety net for the uninsured and underinsured while reinvesting in the community's overall health infrastructure.

"The rapid growth we've seen since November is a testament to the need for integrated, affordable healthcare in our county," said Joseph Palmucci, CEO of the Erie County Community Health Center. "Reaching 350 unique patients in such a short time demonstrates that by housing a pharmacy within our existing Health Department and Health Center ecosystem, we are making it easier for our patients to get the life-changing medications they need without the traditional barriers of cost and travel."

As the Erie County Health Department and Community Health Center continue to expand their reach, Erie Community Pharmacy will remain a focal point of their mission to provide holistic care. The facility is currently accepting new patients and invites community members to experience the difference of a pharmacy that is truly invested in the public health of Erie County.

Residents looking to transfer their prescriptions or learn more about the healthcare services offered by the ECCHC are encouraged to visit our website at ErieCoHealthOhio.com.

About Erie County Health Department:

The Erie County Health Department remains dedicated to improving the health and wellness of all residents through accessible, compassionate, and comprehensive healthcare services. ECHD operates the Erie County Community Health Center, the Erie County Detox, Kaptur Rogowski House, and Compass Point, providing adult day services for Alzheimer's and Dementia patients.

For more information about Health Department or Health Center services, visit www.ErieCoHealthOhio.com.

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