

Fall 2021

Your Health Strides

Your Impact Update

CAROL HAD A HEART ATTACK

Because of DONORS, she's receiving the medical attention she needs to survive!



Carol is like so many people in our region. She worked at the local grocer as a cashier. Her husband, Andy, works as a carpenter. Still, it was hard to make ends meet.

They had no health insurance. Any time they needed to see a doctor, they had to pay out of pocket, meaning sometimes they couldn't go at all.

Carol and Andy had slipped through the cracks... neither of their employers provided insurance. They couldn't afford to purchase it on their own. But they earned too much to receive Medicaid.

Carol has developed several health issues as she's gotten older. Now, 56, she struggles with rheumatoid arthritis and thyroid disease.

"I finally had to quit work because of my health. At one point, I lost 60 pounds in 3 months. I was weak all the time."

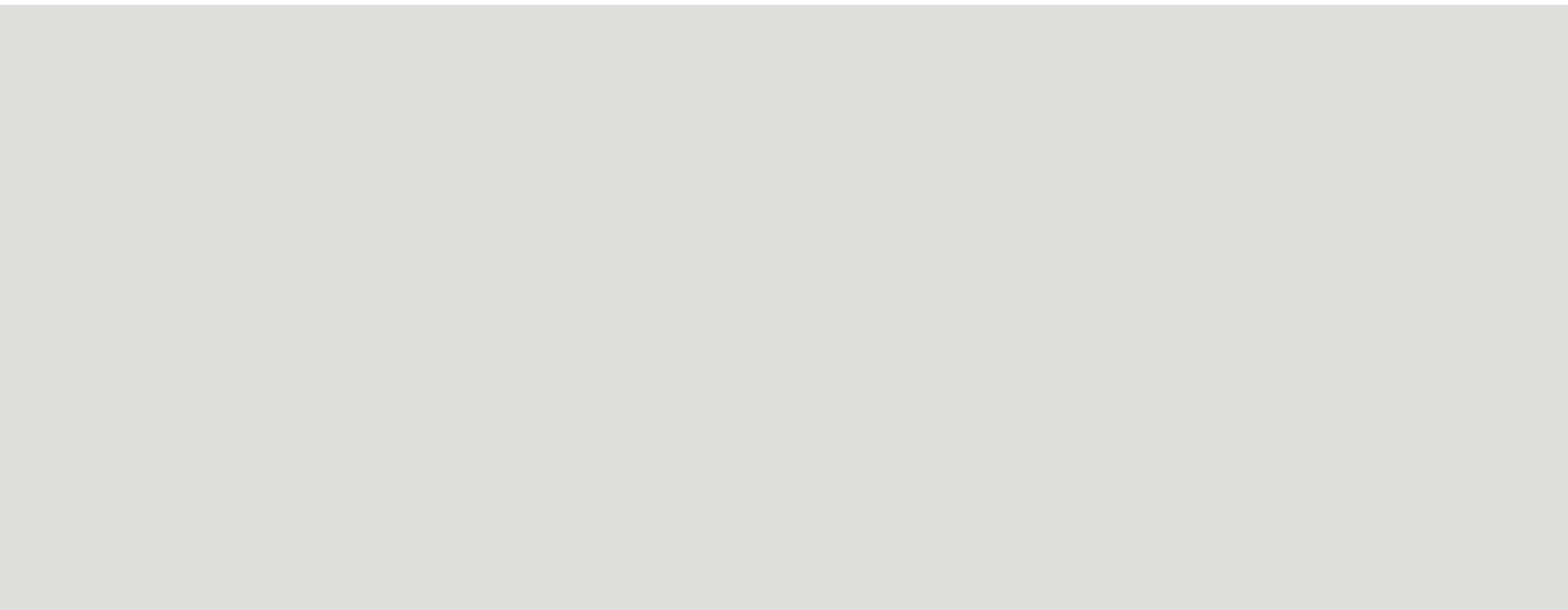
Having to quit her job meant finances were even tighter. But two years ago, the Health Wagon mobile unit came to Carol's town, Pound, and she decided to give the Health Wagon a try. **Because of our amazing donors, she didn't have to worry about how she would pay for health care anymore!**

After such a wonderful experience at the mobile unit, she started going for regular check ups at the Wise Clinic.

Through the care Carol received at the Health Wagon, her thyroid condition stabilized.

Recently, Carol had some bloodwork done at the Health Wagon after some concerning health symptoms. They put a rush on the lab work and she received a phone call as soon as her tests came back. She needed to go to the emergency room immediately! Her tests indicated heart damage and a possible heart attack.

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HAVE YOU MADE A DONATION?

Your feedback is very important to us! We've put together some important questions that will help us understand why you support the Health Wagon. Your input will also help us find other good people like you to support the precious people in poverty-stricken Appalachia Virginia that come to us for help.

It's easy! It will only take you about 5 minutes to fill out. Your information will be held in the strictest of confidence. Please go this link to fill it out: www.thehealthwagon.org/HWmyopinion

THANK YOU!

Providing Dental Care: Saving Lives and Protecting Health



Thanks to donors, 1,019 people have been able to access dental care in 2021!

- Children have had their teeth cleaned for the very first time.
- Cavities have been filled.
- Painful, decayed teeth have been pulled.

Access to dental care is so important. Decaying teeth and infections can lead to very serious health issues and worsen chronic conditions like heart disease, cancer, and diabetes.

But with regular check ups and care, our patients are getting healthier every day - and it's all thanks to YOU!

With Support of People Like You, We're Building a Dental Clinic!

With the onset of the pandemic, the Health Wagon has been unable to conduct the annual Move Mountains Medical Mission outreach, the largest health outreach of its kind in the nation. Hundreds of people received dental treatment in a matter of days during the mission. In order to continue to provide dental care, we are currently seeing patients in our mobile units. But that can be a challenge.

We'll be able to see many more people once our new Dental Clinic is built and we are so excited!

To learn more about the new Dental Clinic, go to: www.thehealthwagon.org/brochure