

Walgreens Pharmacist Onsite at Friends For Life

The national pharmacy, Walgreens, continues its commitment to Friends For Life and persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Mid-South by placing a licensed pharmacist onsite at the agency three times per week during distribution hours of the Nancy Fletcher Food Pantry.



The pharmacists counsel clients about their medications, assisting them in learning techniques to manage side effects of the medications that can often be severe, leading some individuals to become noncompliant with the medication. Such noncompliance is particularly dangerous for persons living with HIV/AIDS because if the medications are not taken as prescribed the virus can mutate, thus becoming resistant to the medication. This resistance requires the individual

to begin other medication regimens, thus limiting their options for treatment which can be ultimately devastating as the number of treatment options diminish.

The pharmacist also teaches classes in the Wellness University, including topics such as medication adherence and understanding the various medications that are available to treat HIV infection.



Pictured above: Top photo – Dr. Managua Hunt and Vera Hall; bottom photo – Dr. Lykeisha Land and FFL case manager, Janeine Hall.