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## **Prescription Assistance Program Opens New Location in Bay County**

**Bay County** – The Bay County Health Department and Deerpoint Assembly of God Church announce the opening of a second Prescription Assistance Program (PAP) office – an exciting new community service for the citizens in northern Bay County. The Deerpoint PAP office will officially open on August 30, 2011 at 10:00am at 3317 New Church Road, Panama City. The public is invited to join us for the grand opening of this program.

The purpose of the PAP is to assist low-income individuals in obtaining necessary prescription medications through the various compassionate care programs offered by the pharmaceutical companies. "Partnering together with the Bay County Health Department to provide health and assistance to our community is part of the commission work that God has given to the church. We are a CARE ministry, meaning we are here to show compassion, give affirmation, and help bring restoration to elevate the lives of people for a greater tomorrow. We look forward to serving the needs of our community together with the Bay County Health Department," said Reverend Curtis Kent, pastor of the Deerpoint Assembly of God Church.

The first PAP office opened in November 2010 and is located at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The program has assisted 251 clients. The dollar value of the prescription medicines obtained by our clients has exceeded \$220,000. Without the assistance of the PAP, these clients would not have been able to purchase their prescription medicines.

Interested clients will need to obtain an unfilled written prescription from their medical provider and then make an appointment with the PAP office. The PAP staff and volunteers will help the client navigate through the requirements of the compassionate care programs to assist eligible clients obtain their medications. Clients will be charged a small administrative fee of \$6 per prescription up to a maximum of \$20 per visit to help offset the administrative costs of the program.

To make an appointment for the Deerpoint PAP, please call 850-265-8266. To make an appointment at the St. Andrew's PAP, please call 850-215-0616. Visit the Bay County Health Department website at [www.baycountyhealth.org](http://www.baycountyhealth.org) for more information on health related topics.

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