What problem are we solving?

Research shows some 25,000 to 50,000 people are in need of low-cost or free durable medical equipment in Dallas County every year because of inadequate income or insurance. More than half live in the City of Dallas.* This need may grow if Medicaid and Medicare funding is reduced.

Now DME Exchange – recycling used equipment for those needing it most – will aid patient recovery and self-sufficiency while providing the medical community essential equipment for their patients, coordinated throughout the county.

Just as important, DME Exchange will address stewardship obligations of our faiths and move toward “green” recycling goals set forth in the community.

- The annual need for durable medical equipment (DME) in Dallas County is calculated as follows:
  - Over 40% of the Dallas County population (over 1 million people) have incomes below 200% of the federal poverty limit (FPL), and an estimated that 50% of those people are uninsured. The other 50% are insured, but might not be able to afford the deductibles or copayments associated with DME, or their policy might not cover DME.
  - Note: 200% of FPL for a family of four in Dallas County is $44,100 in 2010.
  - According to an extensive California health benefits review program, 5% of the population will use DME each year. Applying this standard to our population means that 25,000 to 50,000 uninsured or low-income people in Dallas County will need DME each year.
  - Some insurance programs have limited coverage for DME. Medicare and Medicaid also have limited coverage.

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. . . to help others

Please help us help our Dallas County neighbors with your gift of money, used equipment or volunteer time.

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Your gift today of $5, $25, $100 or more will enrich patients’ lives by helping DME Exchange refurbish, sanitize and distribute vital equipment prescribed by their doctor. Your may give securely online through PayPal using a major credit card.

Visit us at www.dfwdmeechange.org and go to the “Donate” link. You may also donate by mailing a check to

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P.O. Box 25575
Dallas, Texas 75225-5575

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DME Exchange will collect, fix, sanitize and distribute an array of used medical equipment for Dallas County residents who cannot afford to buy or rent it.

Dallas Area Interfaith congregations started DME Exchange in 2010-2011 after 3,000 face-to-face conversations revealed a community need for durable medical equipment. Hospital staffs and doctors confirmed the scope of the problem: thousands need low-cost or free DME in Dallas County. It also was learned that thousands more have idle DME in closets, garages and attics. A logical solution emerged. For the first time in Dallas County, durable medical equipment will be recycled comprehensively.

We will scour Dallas County for — and invite residents to recycle — the thousands of pieces of used durable medical equipment gathering dust each year. DME Exchange will leverage the success of other DME recycling models around the country.

Who benefits?

Everyone in the community reaps benefits!

Medical providers will save staff time, heal patients sooner, achieve state standards more easily and access the centralized DME Exchange equipment database by registering at www.dfwdmeexchange.org.

Taxpayers who donate their idle equipment for environmentally friendly reuse may earn income tax deductions — and will welcome their neighbors’ shorter hospitalizations, early recovery and return to Work.

Patients clearly appreciate the hand up that DME Exchange extends as they heal at home using medical equipment they could not otherwise afford.

Patients pay a small fixed fee, whenever possible, for their equipment and future repairs. They may bring their doctor’s prescription to our warehouse to pick up the equipment. DME Exchange will operate a delivery truck for larger pieces of equipment, such as hospital beds.

Examples of Durable Medical Equipment

- Hospital beds, manual and electric
- Manual and power wheelchairs
- Sliding and rolling walkers
- Crutches, canes and braces
- Shower chairs
- Bedside commodes
- Tub transfer benches
- Shower and tub grab bars
- Commodes, elevated toilet seats
- Patient lifts
- IV poles
- Special equipment (bariatric, etc.)
- CPAP machines
- Nebulizers