



Central Ohio Diabetes Association - Historical Timeline

1964

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association was incorporated on May, 27, 1964 by a group of physicians and community members to provide support for people with diabetes and to inform the general public about diabetes.

Original Board of Trustees

President – George J. Hamwi

First Vice President – Richard L. Fulton

Second Vice President – William Loving

Treasurer – Gerald A. Galbreath, Jr.

Secretary – Louise S. Tangever

Other Events

Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed

Beatles Tour US

1965

The new nonprofit organization's first activity was a one-day symposium held on October 14, 1965 for physicians conducted with the Ohio State University College of Medicine

Detection of diabetes has been a prime concern since the creation of the Central Ohio Diabetes Association. Early detection is important in reducing the occurrence of complications and the Central Ohio Diabetes Association began a community screening program for diabetes in 1965.

1967

A two- week residential camp for youth with diabetes was formed to provide a group setting for youth to learn more about their condition, to give their own injections, and to discover new friends and share the difficulties of growing up with diabetes.

The George J. Hamwi Memorial Fund was established to fund local research projects on topics related to diabetes

Central Ohio Diabetes Association has been a member of the United Way since the late 1960's.

1968

The agency's first residential camp for youth with diabetes is held.

1969

Other Events

Woodstock

Neil Armstrong walks on the moon

Vietnam War

1970

The Detection program was expanded and began to hold screenings year-round.

1973

Other Events

Vietnam War ends

1974

Other Events

President Richard Nixon Resigns

1975

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association began to offer nutrition counseling by a registered dietitian.

The Swim for Diabetes began and became the agency's largest fund raiser with 40 participating pools throughout Central Ohio.

1976

With the addition of a youth director, the youth program began to include more support for children with diabetes and their families on an on-going basis.

Added a registered nurse to its education staff.

Other Events

Jimmy Carter elected President

1981

The Swim had 634 Swimmers participate and raised \$30,000

Other Events

Ronald Reagan elected President

First woman named to the Supreme Court

1984

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association developed chapters in outlying counties in an effort to improve delivery of diabetes services in these areas.

1987

Camp Hamwi Summer program was expanded to a three-week camp.

Agency hired a Development Director to generate more income and in turn help expand direct services.

1989

Marked the 25th year of the agency's existence

Marked 23 years of the agency hosting Camp Hamwi

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association launched CODA Kids Camp, a week long day camp for children ages 3 to 7.

The medical assistance program was established to serve many Central Ohioans.

1990

Vic Ireland was Board President

The agency held a golf tournament called the Hamwi Classic named after Dr. George Hamwi, the founder of the summer camp.

1992

Mollie Bassler was Board President.

The Team Approach, a combined consultation with the Central Ohio Diabetes Association's nurse and dietitian advising clients on better diabetes management was introduced.

1993

The Stepping Stones component was added to the camp program. This day camp for children ages 8 to 12 included an overnight camp out on the final evening.

1994

The agency's youth program expanded.

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association recognized the need for case management services, parent education programs, and group and individual counseling services for youth and families living with diabetes. Since that time a licensed social worker has served in the youth director position to provide these services.

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association has had only two Executive Directors in its history. Jeanne Grothaus joined the agency in 1994, as Executive Director and has provided leadership that continues to focus on education, direct services and outreach.

1995

Chapters existed in Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Knox, Madison, and Pickaway. The agency held its first diabetes health fair. Charline Cunningham founded the Fayette County CODA Chapter where she served for 13 years as the Secretary she also hosted a radio show.

The Detection Program screened 5,117 people, which was 1,000 more than in the previous year.

1996

The Swim raised \$217,000 with over 2200 swimmers participating.

1997

The agency received recognition from the Ohio Department of Health-Diabetes Control Program as a model education program. Also an application for American Diabetes Association Education Program Recognition was submitted.

1998

The camp was re-accredited by the nationally recognized American Camping Association.

1999

To better meet our client needs, both daytime and evening classes and one on one sessions were added to the education program.

In 1999, CODA established a website (www.diabetesohio.org) that includes information about programs and services that CODA offers, a calendar of upcoming events and a question and answer section.

The Year 2000 and on

Increased funding allowed the Central Ohio Diabetes Association to move forward in many new areas, since it was first established in 1964, but the agency's mission statement has remained constant.

2000

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association released a Community Needs Assessment – Diabetes in Central Ohio: A Problem We Can't Afford to Ignore.

Former Ms. America Nicole Johnson Baker visits Camp Hamwi.

2001

The Community Needs Assessment was updated.

2002

Launched a Capital Campaign – one of the major gifts donated was by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation – a building at 1100 Dennison Ave, which would allow the Central Ohio Diabetes Association to move into larger quarters. The gift allowed the agency to upgrade from 6,000 square feet at its previous location on King Avenue to 11,000 square feet and was valued at \$853,000.

2003

April - Central Ohio Diabetes Association moves into new location at 1100 Dennison Ave.

May – Agency hosts Aim to Save Lives: Target Diabetes - Call to Action Breakfast at King Arts Complex– Which generated a large awareness campaign in the African American Community, because of the high numbers of mortality associated with this particular group of individuals.

Multi-Cultural Diabetes Resource Center launched.

Fall 2003 - Central Ohio Diabetes Association hosts a grand opening of the new location at (1100 Dennison Ave), a result of a Major Capital Campaign.

2004

Agency changes concept of Celebrities for Diabetes to include a dinner featuring former gridiron legends from The Ohio State University and University of Michigan Football Series, with the proceeds benefitting the Central Ohio Diabetes Association. The event was co-chaired by OSU greats John Hicks and Jack Tatum.

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association runs a Multi-Cultural Diabetes Awareness Radio Campaign during Minority Health Month.

2005

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association launches program to assist pregnant women with diabetes in conjunction with the March of Dimes and Abbott Diabetes Care.

2006

Agency opens Near East Healthy Lifestyle Center to assist individuals in an area which had a high mortality rate for diabetes.

2007

Women's Board passes \$1 Million Dollar Mark in contributions to the Central Ohio Diabetes Association.

2008

Columbus Foundation presents significant grant to assist with agency programs including the Near East Healthy Lifestyle Center.

2009

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association introduces the Inch by Inch Series, a prevention program designed to support realistic weight management.

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association forges a partnership with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center., Inc., to provide better service to individuals with diabetes.

2011

Final Swim for Diabetes held

Agency Selected as an initial partner in APhA Foundation's Project IMPACT: Diabetes

2012

Inaugural Family Fun Walk and Run held.

YPgluco hosts first Santa Speedo Dash.

2012

The agency increased the number of days that education classes would be available to provide more variety for clients.

The Brush-up Series, free one hour classes on topics related to diabetes is added to the education curriculum.

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association collaborates with the YMCA of Central Ohio on a Feeding America Grant to provide diabetes education and information on preparing nutritious food.

2013

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association introduces Cooking Matters by Local Matters, a six week cooking skills series that focuses on shopping for and preparing nutritious food on a budget.

The agency later adds Grocery Store Shopping Tours by Local Matters, a session in nutrition on how to shop for nutritious food on a budget.

The Diabetes Support and Empowerment Group, a vehicle designed for people with diabetes to discuss various issues was implemented.

2014

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association collaborates with the Near Northeast Materials Assistance Program to provide various services related to diabetes.