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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – The Cedarville University School of Pharmacy opened its new Center for Pharmacy Innovation on January 1, 2018. The center will use professional pharmacists' expertise to improve healthcare in America.

Dave and Phyllis Grauer of Dublin, Ohio, committed \$250,000 to help establish the Center for Pharmacy Innovation.

According to Marc Sweeney, dean of the Cedarville University School of Pharmacy, the Grauers' contribution is meant to spur on others to help support the new center.

"Our hope is to identify creative solutions to some of our most challenging problems in health care," Sweeney said. "With the Grauers' gift, we hope to attract additional donors who will commit to fostering innovation in pharmacy and healthcare."

The Center for Pharmacy Innovation employs Justin Cole, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, as director. He will work to attract innovators and funding for pilot projects to address issues such as medication non-adherence, rising drug and healthcare costs, appropriate integration of technology, and new drug discovery. The center will collaborate with the Ohio Pharmacists Association, among others, to develop creative solutions to healthcare issues.

"We want to help professional pharmacists look for and identify areas in health care where they can play a key role in optimizing quality, reducing costs, and improving population health," said Sweeney. "Not only are the president and Congress trying to address those issues, but solutions need to come from within the healthcare system as well."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.