

# The Smart Way to Save on Prescriptions.

## Income: Help Families Achieve Self Sufficiency

- Medical costs and debt – In 2014, 35% of adults had difficulty paying their medical bills.<sup>1</sup>
- Poorly controlled diseases – 35 million people did not fill a needed prescription in 2014 because of cost.<sup>1</sup>
- Employment does not equal insurance – 85% of uninsured Americans live in a family with at least one full- or part-time worker.<sup>2</sup>

## Education: Improve High School Graduation Rates

- Medication adherence – An estimated 50-88% of children don't adhere to their medication.<sup>3</sup>
- Drop out rates – 19% of youth surveyed dropped out of school in part to help earn money to support family members.<sup>4</sup>

## Health: Provide Affordable Medication

- High deductibles – As of 2014, 43% of adults said their deductible was either somewhat difficult, very difficult, or impossible for them to afford.<sup>5</sup>
- High medication cost – 57% of people polled reported taking potentially dangerous steps to curb their medication costs, including not filling a prescription, skipping doses, or taking expired medication.<sup>6</sup>
- Prescription savings option – Nationally, FamilyWise has helped over 11 million people by saving them more than \$1 billion on their prescription medications through January, 2017.<sup>7</sup>

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