

Have A Heart Makes Its Debut In Iowa With Two New Medical Cannabis Dispensaries

Cannabis retailer arrives in the quad city with grand openings in Council Bluffs and Davenport

COUNCIL BLUFFS and DAVENPORT, Iowa — (Dec. 8, 2018) — This weekend, [Have a Heart](#) celebrates the grand openings of its first stores in Iowa. The company will bring its deep expertise in the medical cannabis industry to the Council Bluffs and Davenport communities.

“We started as a medical dispensary many years ago, so our team possesses a core expertise in this area,” said Ryan Kunkel, CEO of Have a Heart. “Whether they’re living with chronic pain, multiple sclerosis, or going through palliative cancer care, we’re proud to be able to provide patients in the Council Bluffs and Davenport communities with the best cannabis medicine, in a pleasant, non-intimidating environment.”

The Council Bluffs shop is located at 3615 9th avenue, next to Omaha, NE (across the Missouri River). Davenport is located on 2222 E 53rd Street, off of the I-74 Highway. Kunkel and Ed Mitchell, Have a Heart’s chief operations officer, attended green-ribbon-cutting ceremonies for both stores. They were joined by State Rep. Charlie McConkey and Mayor Matt Walsh from Council Bluffs.

“Patients who have a qualifying illness will no longer have to drive great distances to get their medicine,” said Council Bluffs’ Mayor Matt Walsh. “Have a Heart has provided our community with a safe environment where patients have access to a variety of medical cannabis products.”

Have a Heart was recently rated by [High Times](#) as one of the best cannabis dispensaries in the United States, and earned the distinction as Seattle’s top-selling cannabis retailer from the [Puget Sound Business Journal](#). The company recently closed \$25 million in series A financing, the largest private financing round for a pure-play U.S. retail cannabis company to date.

Have a Heart has retail stores across the nation including: Washington, Hawaii, Oregon, California and now Iowa, with additional stores opening soon in Ohio. The company has more than eighteen applications pending, including in five additional states. In addition, it has more than twenty sites under negotiation with potential merger partners in another four states.

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About Have a Heart

Have a Heart, founded in Seattle, Wash., in 2011, owns and operates licensed cannabis retail locations in Washington, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Iowa and Ohio. The company has robust plans to expand nationally. Have a Heart employs more than 400 people across the United States. The company recently established one of the industry's first agreements with organized labor, the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW). Have a Heart is recognized for its support of legislation to promote the safe and compliant growth, manufacturing, distribution and consumption of cannabis in states that have made it legal.

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