

## Celebration of National Health Center Week!

Last week, TenderCare Clinic celebrated National Health Center Week. This newsletter shows the activities and programs that we completed.



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## National Health Center Week

A CELEBRATION OF QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE CARE

**What is National Health Center Week?** National Health Center Week is a week dedicated each year to the celebration of the work that health centers do in local communities. It is a chance to showcase the highly effective and innovative **health center model of care**. National Health Center Week was August 4th through 10th, and the theme this year was "Rooted in Communities." TenderCare Clinic participates in NHCW because we are a federally qualified health center. We receive federal funding that helps us provide better access to care to people in our local communities. TenderCare is dedicated to improving health outcomes and reducing health care costs. We participated to show our support of health centers and how we are "rooted" in our community!

Each day of the week had a "focus" decided by the national organization. We aligned our activities and events with the focus days!

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### HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday's focus day was Healthcare for the Homeless. Health centers serve 1.3 million individuals experiencing homelessness each year. To support those in our local community who may



be without housing or proper housing environments, we collected toiletry donations. The donations were either given to Circle of Love, the local domestic violence shelter, for their residents or made into patient care kits for our patients in need at the offices.

## AGRICULTURAL WORKER DAY

Tuesday's focus day was Agricultural Worker Health Day. Community health centers serve approximately 20% of the estimated 4.5 million agricultural workers in the United States. To inform others about agriculture and the role it plays in our community and our own lives, we hosted a gardening and nutrition class for individuals and families. Our Agriculture and Natural Resource County Extension Agent, David Daniel, came and gave a presentation about gardening. We planted seeds for fall in our raised bed, and we heard a nutrition presentation from local 4-H student Bailey Ballard. Nutritional education ties into our mission as we work to combat chronic diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. The attendees even enjoyed smoothies at the class!





## PATIENT APPRECIATION DAY

Wednesday's focus day was Patient Appreciation. Health center boards must be comprised of at least 51% consumers, so many of our board members are also our patients. We serve ALL people in the community. To help our patients and others in the community, TenderCare teamed up with Heroes for the Hungry and opened a Little Free Pantry at our Greensboro location. The pantry sits out front and is available for anyone to come by and access food if needed. The motto of this blessing box is "give what you can, take what you need." We hope that it will be a blessing to those who need it and an encouragement to others to support their neighbors.





## STAKEHOLDER APPRECIATION DAY

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Thursday's focus was Stakeholder Appreciation Day. We hosted a brunch reception for our elected officials and partners. US Congressman Jody Hice was present and spoke some about the importance of health centers. Other GA Representatives and commissioners were also present.

Health centers have a proud tradition of support from both sides of the political aisle. Bipartisan support continues to be beneficial for advocacy and policy priorities. Earlier this year, Congress passed a bipartisan budget deal that included \$7.8 billion dollars in federal grant funding for the Community Health Center program. Legislative support on both sides is not limited to federal level; state and local support for health centers are also integral to their success.

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On Thursday evening, we welcomed Dr. Mark Quinn, radiation oncologist from Oconee Cancer Care, to our Wellness Center for a presentation on radiation treatment and cancer care in general.



## STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

Friday's focus was Health Center Staff Appreciation Day. TenderCare Clinic is very grateful for all the individuals who are committed to providing high quality care to patients in need. We had HRSA Ambassador Rosie Mangual to our office on Friday to speak with the staff and commend them on the wonderful work that they do. She left a plant with its roots showing to remind us we are "rooted" in our communities.



## WRAP-UP ON OUR WEEK

We had a staff meeting on Saturday to wrap-up our fun-filled week! Our staff participated in a friendly competition throughout the week on different teams, so they finished that with a team-building exercise. After that, we heard from Sheriff Donnie Harrison about safety and active shooter/attack situations. It was a very informative and needed presentation.



*We are already excited for the great things that we can do next year!*

**Thank you for letting us share our National Health Center Week with you!**

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