



## Celebrating Our Community

Hello community partners, patients, and friends!  
Here's our third quarterly newsletter of 2022.  
Read through and click on the links to learn more.

---

### The Chemistry for Strong Communities

Oconee Valley Healthcare celebrated National Health Center Week in August. The theme this year was "Community Health Centers: The Chemistry for Strong Communities". During this week, we celebrated our patients and employees, collected items for hygiene kits, and met with community partners and elected officials. We're so thankful to be serving such a wonderful and supportive community!





**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

## **GEORGIA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Board Members and Executive Team Members from Oconee Valley Healthcare attended the Georgia Primary Care Association's 45th Annual Conference on September 28th. During the conference, attendees were able to participate in training, classes, and networking opportunities with other FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Centers) staff from across the state. Oconee Valley Healthcare's Chief Clinical Officer, Carri Thomas, was nominated and awarded the Elsie Peavy Brown Community Service Award. This award recognizes an individual who has gone "beyond the call of duty to the advocacy, development, improvement, and/or expansion of quality primary care within Georgia's Community Health Services," according to the Georgia PCA (Primary Care Association) website. Oconee Valley Healthcare was also recognized for being a Silver Level Advocacy Center of Excellence. Advocacy Centers of Excellence, or ACE, are recognized by the National Association of Community Health Centers and are centers that ensure policymakers at all levels of government commit to investing in the community health center mission through consistent advocacy efforts. ACEs stay engaged with federal policy issues, state Primary Care Associations and state and local-level policy issues that impact patients and health centers.



## **PROVIDERS**

We are excited to welcome back Peggy Edmonds, FNP-BC! Ms. Peggy retired from OVH in 2021 and decided to rejoin the team! She sees patients in our Greensboro Office on Thursdays.



**Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to see all our latest pictures and announcements!**

---

### **EMPLOYEE OF QUARTER 3**



Join us in congratulating Terri Patterson as our Employee of Quarter 3! Terri works hard as our Director of Financial Services in our Administration Office.

"Terri always goes above and beyond, not only in her own role, but also in helping others. Whether it is answering calls for patients, helping out with completely random tasks, or helping other co-workers, she is always there to help. She

---

### **ADVOCACY**

Oconee Valley Healthcare is working diligently to become a Gold Level ACE! We are so thankful to have a team that is willing to advocate for Community Health Centers and what all they do for their communities!



---

### **OUTREACH**

Our Outreach Team is gearing up for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and other community events for the next quarter!

---

### **WE'RE HIRING**

comes in with a positive attitude and creates a pleasant work environment. She is extremely generous and kind and even though she does not directly work with patients, she can often be seen helping patients or answering calls and assisting them with whatever they may need. She genuinely cares about the patients, her co-workers and the organization."

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to OVH.  
Congratulations, Terri!



We are currently hiring for multiple positions at all of our office locations! If you are interested in learning more, please visit our website by clicking the button below!

[Job Openings](#)

---

FOLLOW US

