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Hunter Health Wins HEALTH CARE HERO AWARD

We are deeply honored that Hunter Health was once again named a **Health Care Hero** by the **Wichita Business Journal**, receiving the **Community Outreach Award**.

This recognition means so much because it celebrates the heart of who we are — working alongside amazing community partners to expand access to care, prevent disease, and uplift some of Wichita's most vulnerable populations.

We're incredibly proud of our dedicated staff, whose compassion, energy, and commitment make this work possible every single day. You are the true heroes behind this honor!

Thank you, WBJ, for recognizing healthcare professionals who serve Wichita with innovation, expertise, and heart. We're proud to be part of this community — and we're excited to keep building a healthier future together.



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OUR TEAM'S BEST DAY AT HUNTER HEALTH

At a quarterly staff meeting, we asked our team members to share one of their favorite memories of working at Hunter Health. Here are some more:

“My favorite experience is when a patient that is part of a minority group thanks us for taking our time and providing them with excellent care – the ‘red carpet’ experience.”

“I was helping a patient with their dentures. The way they acted when they got them made it a great memory.”

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Libby Smith, RDH, BSDH, ECP III

Who Am I? —I was born and raised in Wichita, deciding to pursue a career in dentistry at a young age. I always loved the dentist as a kid, but I knew the dental office could be a very stressful and uncomfortable environment. I want to help every patient feel at ease while giving them the knowledge to take charge of their oral health.

Healthcare specialty—Dentistry

Experience —I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene from Wichita State University. I also have an Extended Care Permit III through UMKC. I have been a dental hygienist for more than 10 years, with most of that time in public health. I joined Hunter Health as a hygienist in 2022 and then transitioned into the role of Dental Operations Manager in 2024.

Why Hunter Health?—I get to be a part of an amazing organization that provides high quality, affordable care for all.



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MISSION MINUTE

“In dental, we had a guy come in with some on-and-off pain in his teeth, and he needed some extractions, but his medical history was a little bit concerning. He had high blood pressure and knew he did, but said he elected not to take his medication. He also had a heart attack in 2024, had a stent placed, and had not followed up with his cardiologist. His blood pressure that day was like 160 over 116 or something like that. It was pretty high, so we elected to hold off on treatment and walked him over to medical same-day, and they were able to get him in so that he could start getting re-established with a doctor here. That way, we could feel a little safer when we do see him back in Dental. **So thank you team!**” –Hunter Health Dental Hygienist

Follow us. Did you know we are also on TikTok and Instagram? These pages are a great way for us to connect with our community and share more about the work we do at Hunter Health.

HUNTER HEALTH PARTICIPATES IN TBEX SUMMIT

We were honored to participate in a full day of activities recently at **TBEX Summit America 2025**, welcoming travel content creators from around the world to experience the Native American community at the Mid-America All-Indian Museum in Wichita.

Together with our partners, we introduced attendees to the vibrant traditions, history, and living culture of the Native peoples who have called this region home for generations. Our own Dennis Clary, Chief Advancement Officer, was there to talk about Hunter Health's role in the Native community, and how the museum is the place where it all started.

From stories and art to food and ceremony, the day offered a chance to connect, learn, and celebrate the Native community. At Hunter Health, this mission reflects who we are every day — honoring Native heritage, embracing our history, and keeping our culture alive through the care we provide and the community we serve.

The creators were enthusiastic and deeply moved by the experience — and so were we. A heartfelt thank-you to TBEX, Visit Wichita, and all our community partners who made this extraordinary day possible.



OUR DIRECTOR OF HR RECOGNIZED AT CONFERENCE

Our HR team attended the **2025 Kansas Society for Human Resource Management Annual Conference** in Overland Park, where our own **Gay Kimble, Director of Human Resources**, was nominated for the prestigious **Trombold Achievement & Kansas HR Professional of the Year Award**, which recognizes our state's HR professionals who excel within their field.

The most tenured HR professionals were welcomed to the stage on the last day of the conference, and Gay had the most experience with 42 years. **We're so proud of you, Gay. Congratulations!**



GET TO KNOW TWO RECENT HIRES

MEOSHA TYLER (PA)

Who Am I? I grew up here in Wichita, but I relocated to South Carolina, where I ended up graduating from high school. Right after graduation, I returned home to be close to family here in Wichita, and I went for both my bachelor's degree and master's for PA at Wichita State University.



Healthcare Specialty Physician Assistant

Experience I worked here previously in 2012, which was actually my first Physician Assistant job. But I also have experience with pain management, urology and urgent care.

Why Hunter Health? I chose to return to Hunter Health because I am very passionate, both as a person and as a health care provider. I feel there's a great need for that type of person in our community, the community that this particular clinic serves. Every patient deserves to have a provider that's going to listen but also be efficient. And so, I saw that there was an opening here. I heard about all the great changes compared to when I worked here before, so I thought it'd be a great opportunity not only for myself, but for the patients that we serve.

MELISSA BRISCOE

Who Am I? In my professional role, I am a quality-focused healthcare leader. I am a registered nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing. I have comprehensive experience in clinical quality administration, risk management and mitigation, infection prevention, and regulatory compliance. My passion is to work alongside teams to foster healthy working relationships and workplace environments through effective change management, strategic planning, and integration of quality management. In my personal life I am a pastor's wife, mother of two, and grandmother (one of my favorite roles) of 3 precious babies. I love hiking, kayaking, swimming and spending time with family and friends. I am also currently embarking on the journey to earn a master's degree in nursing with a focus in Leadership and Management.



Healthcare Specialty Director of Clinical Services

Experience I began my nursing career following an 18-year path in sales management. After being laid off from a sales management position in 2008, I decided to go back to school to become a nurse. I recalled taking care of my great-grandmother when I was a child and loving the way it made me feel. I have always loved being a part of something bigger than myself and serving others.

Why Hunter Health? I hope to be a part of expanding the programs that we have here. We already have a very solid base of programs that we provide to the community, and I want to be a part of looking at the future and expanding those options and really seeing how we can reach even more people.

OUT *and* ABOUT

Here are some of our recent community outreach highlights:

We were honored to join the **Wichita Kansas Inter-Tribal Warrior Society Powwow at Old Cowtown Museum**. From traditional drumming and dancing to honoring veterans, it was a beautiful celebration of Native culture and community. We were grateful to connect with attendees and provide health education.

Sept. 5 was **International Day of Charity**, and our hearts were full of gratitude for **Ward Law**. This year, they chose Hunter Health as the beneficiary of their **2025 Show Pride in Your Ride Car Show**. Each year, this incredible event highlights a local nonprofit, and we are honored they chose to support our mission of improving the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community. Thank you, Ward Law, for believing in us and for helping us make a difference where it's needed most!





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Hear directly from a few of our incredible team members about what makes Hunter Health a special place to work. Every role makes a difference in the lives of our patients and community. **Just scan the QR code.**



BUILDING TRUST IN HEALTH CARE: ONE VISIT AT A TIME

We know going to the doctor can be tough. Whether it's been a few years or a few decades, you're not alone — and we're here for you. Meet Patty Ringer, one of our compassionate nurse practitioners at our HumanKind location. With a heart for helping others, she's here to make your visit feel safe, welcoming, and judgment-free. **Just scan the QR code.**



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