



CareConnection

Standing with the LGBTQ+ Community During Pride Month

At Hunter Health, our mission is clear:

We exist to improve the health and wellbeing of **everyone** in our community, including our LGBTQ+ community. Pride Month is a time to celebrate diversity, but also to acknowledge the health disparities and barriers many LGBTQ+ individuals face today.

Mental health challenges remain especially urgent. According to The Trevor Project's 2024 survey, 39% of LGBTQ+ young people seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year — including 46% of transgender and nonbinary young people. LGBTQ+ youth of color reported higher rates than white peers. This highlights the critical need for inclusive, affirming care.

At Hunter Health, we are committed to providing comprehensive services in a safe, respectful environment where every person is valued and supported.

That's why our work goes beyond the clinic. Through ongoing community engagement, including our proud sponsorship of Wichita's Pride Parade and Festival on June 28, we continue to advocate for inclusive care that uplifts every member of our community. We're here to stand with our LGBTQ+ neighbors every step of the way.

By standing as a beacon of support, organizations like ours are contributing to a future where everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, is treated with respect and dignity. Together, we can build a healthier community for all.

Happy Pride Month!



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MEET DENNIS CLARY, OUR NEW CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER

As **Chief Advancement Officer, Dennis Clary** will lead strategy, operations, and partnerships across fundraising, marketing, and communications to drive Hunter Health's sustainability and community impact.

Dennis says his job will be to “grow the awareness of who we are and what we do, and most importantly, why we do it.”

Originally from the Denver, Colorado, area, Dennis grew up in a military family and lived in several states before getting a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from South Dakota Mines. He would later get a master's degree in business administration from Wichita State University. He has called Wichita home since 2001 and has served on numerous local boards.



Dennis Clary
Chief Advancement Officer

A FUN FACT: Early in his career, Dennis designed a circuit breaker panel for Air Force One while working for The Boeing Company. Other highlights include external-facing roles for Cox Communications, REALTORS® of South Central Kansas, the Kansas Leadership Center, and most recently, the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.

Outside of work, Dennis is a dynamic emcee and entertainment personality with 20-plus years of experience. He has hosted gigs ranging from hundreds to several thousand people.

Dennis is also a proud dad, die-hard Broncos fan “**I live and bleed orange and blue**”, self-proclaimed “Star Wars” nerd, and a huge fan of another Kansas transplant — Superman.

And much like the *Man of Steel*, Dennis never thought he'd find himself in the Sunflower State, but, he says, "I have lived in Wichita longer than I have in any place in my entire life, so I'd like to think of myself as an adoptive son of Kansas."

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

June is Men's Health Month, a time to raise awareness about the health challenges men face and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. At Hunter Health, we believe every man deserves access to compassionate, comprehensive care — no matter where he is on his health journey. We're here to help with:

- Routine checkups and physicals
- Blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes screenings
- Mental health support and substance use services
- Prostate and testicular cancer screenings
- Sexual health and reproductive care

Whether you're managing a chronic condition or just need a wellness check, now is the perfect time to take charge of your health! Make an appointment today by calling 316-262-2415.



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MISSION MINUTE

When you're experiencing homelessness, survival takes priority — finding food, shelter, and safety. Health care often becomes an afterthought. But for **Cristina Cruzeiro, Hunter Health's Shelter Nurse**, the health of the homeless in our community is her #1 priority. She makes sure all patients know their well-being matters, even when they feel invisible to the rest of the world.

One former patient never forgot her compassion.

After becoming housed and gaining stable employment, he spotted our logo outside one of the clinics. He remembered the kind and compassionate care he received from Cristina while staying at one of the homeless shelters.

He stepped inside to leave a message of gratitude — wanting her to know he was doing well, and that her care during that time made a lasting impact on his life and future. Cristina doesn't just provide care — she offers hope and a future for her patients.

If you would like to learn more about the work Hunter Health does in the community, please contact Joan Moore at joan.moore@hunterhealth.org.



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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



MEET HUNTER HEALTH'S Dr. Alan Jones, DDS, one of our dentists:

Who I Am:

"I grew up near Boulder, Colorado, and got into healthcare because I wanted to impact people's lives for the better. My goal is to help reduce the amount of pain in the world and be a part of helping people maintain their health."



Alan Jones
DDS

Why Hunter Health?

"Hunter Health has systems and programs in place to extend healthcare to people that sometimes have difficulty with the traditional healthcare system. I want to be able to help those people get the care they need."

LAB GETS *new* MACHINE

The **Ortho Vitros 5600** is a state-of-the-art chemistry analyzer that replaces our previous system, the Siemens Dimension EXL 200. Chosen for its advanced capabilities and cost-effectiveness, this analyzer supports a wide range of in-house testing, including CMP, BMP, liver and renal panels, lipid panels, and thyroid function tests. With its expanded test menu, we're excited to add lipase, in-house beta HCG quantification (a major benefit for our OB team), uric acid, and urine microalbumin-to-creatinine ratios — enhancing our diagnostic capabilities and allowing for future growth.



This upgrade directly supports Hunter Health's mission to improve the health and wellbeing of *everyone* in our community. By expanding the volume and variety of tests we can perform in-house, we can deliver faster, more accurate results to care teams — leading to quicker diagnoses, timely interventions, and better health outcomes. The analyzer's improved reliability also reduces downtime and minimizes the need to send out tests, ensuring that our patients receive the highest quality care without unnecessary delays. This is one more way we're investing in tools that help us serve our community with excellence and compassion.

CELEBRATING OUR INCREDIBLE TEAM

We proudly celebrated **National Nurses Week May 6th-12th**, a chance to recognize the compassion, dedication, and strength of our nurses. We salute our staff nurses — Miriam, Christine, Jon, Aaliyah, Amber, Kathy, Lauren, Sandy, Cristina, Leyla, Alexa, Lily, Leaisha, Tiara, and Heather!



World Facilities Management Day was May 14th, and we celebrated the behind-the-scenes heroes who keep Hunter Health running safely and smoothly — Curtis, Facilities and Security Manager, and Aerial, Facilities and Safety Coordinator.



May 14th was also National Receptionists Day. It was a chance to shine a spotlight on our amazing Patient Intake Representatives, and Tanea is just one of the welcoming faces and voices who make every patient feel at ease from the start, with kindness, professionalism, and dedication.



OUT *and* ABOUT

Here are some of our recent community outreach events we attended:

Books galore at Hunter Health! For the fourth year in a row, the Assistance League of Wichita chose Hunter Health as the recipient for their **Day of Caring Book Drive**. Each year, the organization solicits book donations aimed mostly at early readers, featuring diverse characters and covering topics such as cultural awareness, youth empowerment, and healthy behaviors. This year, they donated close to 350 books for our youngest patients with a lot of titles in Spanish.



We were also thrilled to participate in **Open Streets ICT-Nomar**. The event shut down one mile of 21st Street from Broadway to Woodland Park, and was filled with lively music, an abundance of Mexican food from street vendors, and jubilant energy. At our booth, we offered HIV/STI prevention resources and handed out Delta Dental Smile Kits.





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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 to watch the video:



JOIN US FOR A TOUR TODAY

On Wednesday, June 4th, we were honored to welcome Matthew Godinez, who serves as the Assistant Secretary of Quality Places for the Kansas Department of Commerce, to Hunter Health. His visit provided a meaningful opportunity to highlight the important work we're doing to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community.

During his time with us, Matt toured our Central Clinic, learned about our integrated health care model, and explored the vision behind our Community Wellness Center — a space designed to promote holistic health and foster deeper community engagement.

If you would like to tour our Central Campus to learn more about our services and the Community Wellness Center we are building, please reach out to Joan Moore at joan.moore@hunterhealth.org.

Please visit our website at hunterhealth.org and check out everything it has to offer. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working with you to make a difference in the community.