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Celebrating HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month was held September 15th to October 15th. During this time, we celebrated the rich history, contributions, and achievements of Hispanic Americans.



The observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. The theme for 2024 is **“Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together.”**

Our Facilities and Safety Coordinator Aerial Wedel says, **“Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to honor the vibrant cultures, rich histories, and invaluable contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. It’s a celebration of diversity that strengthens the fabric of our nation and inspires us to work together for a brighter, more inclusive future.”**

National Hispanic Heritage Month wasn’t just a time for celebration, but also a moment for reflection. At Hunter Health, we’re committed to creating a workplace that values every individual’s heritage and experiences. By doing so, we believe we can continue to improve health outcomes for all our patients.

As we move forward, we’ll remain focused on building a culturally competent team that mirrors the diversity of the community we serve. To our Hispanic colleagues: Thank you for your contributions, your dedication, and your passion for health care. We are proud to stand beside you, not just this month, but every day.

We also embrace the vibrancy and resilience of Wichita’s Hispanic community and cherish the positive influence they’ve made throughout our nation’s history.



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PROUD MEMBERS *of our* TEAM WITH HISPANIC HERITAGE



LATIN FEST CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Latin Fest ICT, held in Old Town, celebrated Latin American culture with live music, dance, food, and art. The event featured local musicians, traditional dances, and authentic Latin cuisine, along with cultural exhibits and artisan booths. Families enjoyed interactive activities, fostering unity and diversity in Wichita. We were there offering blood pressure checks and dental kits.



FALL EQUINOX BRINGS CHANGE

As day and night balance, it's the perfect time to focus on physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing. The Fall Equinox on September 23rd encouraged us to align our lives for the colder months ahead.

Seasonal health tips: Schedule your annual check up, stay up-to-date on vaccinations, and make lifestyle changes (like starting an exercise routine or quitting smoking) as fall arrives.

Mind-body harmony: Develop practices to help manage stress, anxiety, and wellbeing as seasons change.

Community wellness: Fall is a time for gathering and growth. Connect with your community to improve your physical, mental, and spiritual health.

As the seasons change, we are here to offer whole person care. Wishing you a healthy, harmonious fall from Hunter Health!

Follow us on social media for more health-focused information and events.

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in providing quality care to those who need it the most.

Care That Creates a Healthier Community

Our passion—and our purpose—is about caring for the community. When people have access to the healthcare they need, they can truly thrive. And when they thrive, our entire community follows.

- We provide high-quality healthcare to all patients, insured and uninsured.
- We work with patients to provide individualized care and support that works for them.
- With your support, we can reach more patients and empower them to take control of their wellbeing.

Your donation isn't just a one-time solution. It allows us to provide care, build facilities, and support programs that impact our community now and well into the future.



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

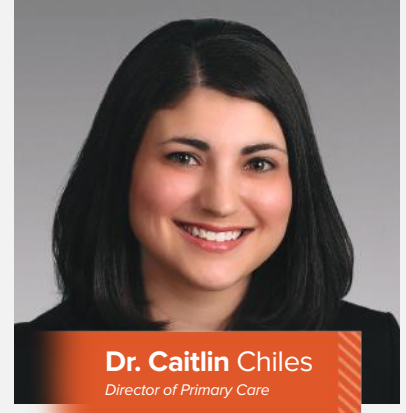
Dr. Caitlin Chiles, Director of Primary Care:

How did you get into healthcare?

"I'm from Wichita, born and raised. My interest in healthcare stemmed from my mom being a nurse. But I decided to pursue a career in healthcare after a bad experience in college made me want to make a difference for others. While in medical school, I realized I love the philosophy behind family medicine."

Why did you choose Hunter Health?

"The American health care system needs a major overhaul. I love working at Hunter Health, where we offer access to special programs ensuring all patients get the care they need, regardless of insurance status."



Dr. Caitlin Chiles
Director of Primary Care



DENTAL TEAM SPREADS SMILES

At Hunter Health, our mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community. Part of this means going directly to the patients that need us the most. During the 2023-2024 school year, Hunter Health's dental outreach team provided more than 10,000 school-aged children with free dental screenings, cleanings, sealants, and fluoride treatments at over 28 different schools and community events.

We are excited to continue our dental outreach this year, thanks to a generous donation of 10,800 dental kits from Delta Dental of Kansas that we can distribute and continue to support healthy smiles in the community. Find Delta Dental on Facebook: www.facebook.com/deltadentalofks



OUT *and* ABOUT



September was action-packed for Hunter Health!



At Hunter Health, we wholeheartedly believe in the power of community connections. Our teams recently participated in many outreach events promoting health and wellness. Here's a look:

We proudly participated in the **Overdose Awareness Day** event at the Mid-America All-Indian Museum, hosted by Prairie Rose Wellbriety and Safe Streets Wichita. The event featured a remembrance ceremony, guest speakers, and vendors. We offered mental health education and HIV/STD prevention resources.



The Greater Holy Temple Church in Wichita hosted a **Community Day** with fun activities, food, and fellowship for members and neighbors. We provided dental screenings and promoted services, making it a great day of unity.

The Wichita Kansas Inter-Tribal Warrior Society held its annual **powwow at Old Cowtown Museum**, celebrating Native American veterans with traditional drumming, dancing, and regalia. We offered flu shot notices and information about our services. Proud of its Native American roots, Hunter Health supports Wichita's Native community.

The **VA Homeless Stand Down** in Wichita provided vital resources for veterans and those experiencing homelessness, including free haircuts, food, and a bike raffle. We offered blood pressure checks and promoted our services to support their transition to stable housing and independence.

Introducing OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



We welcome three new Board members to our team. They are:

Josh Gordon – Executive Vice President of Midwest Drywall Company

Josh is a seasoned financial and operations executive with over 20 years of experience in strategic leadership, financial analysis, investment evaluation, and risk management. He excels in contract negotiation, business planning, and leading high-performing teams. Known for driving growth and organizational excellence, Josh is committed to leadership that aligns with long-term strategic goals.



Niomi Thompson – Ponca; Adjunct Faculty at Friends University

Niomi, a registered member of the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma, holds a Master's Degree in Communication from Wichita State University. She serves as President-Elect for the Junior League of Wichita, is on the Board of Trustees for the Mid-America All-Indian Museum and teaches communication at Friends University. Through her leadership and advocacy, Niomi is dedicated to making a lasting impact in the Wichita community and beyond.



Amber Williams – Muscogee Creek Nation; CEO & Founder of Circa81design

Amber, a proud citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, is a third-generation entrepreneur and CEO of Circa81 Design, a Native American woman-owned design and engineering firm. A Wichita native, she holds a Bachelor's in Mass Communications from Jackson State University, an MBA from Keller School of Management, and a Master's in Industrial Engineering from Wichita State. Amber's diverse background in management, engineering, healthcare, fashion, and business highlights her leadership in design and innovation.





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MEET OUR NEW DENTIST

Hunter Health is excited to welcome **Dr. Maya Nunley**, our newest dentist! She tells her wonderful, compassionate story in this video. **Don't miss it! Just scan the QR code and start watching immediately.**



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.