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## Celebrating National Health Center Week

### National Health Center Week 2025 was a resounding success!

**Held Aug. 3-9**, each day gave us a chance to shine a light on what makes Hunter Health strong — from honoring our dedicated staff and celebrating the patients who trust us with their care, to focusing on prevention, embracing diversity, and recognizing the incredible partners who help us reach more people every day.

Special proclamations from Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita underscored the vital role Community Health Centers play in advancing health equity and building healthier communities for all.

We closed the week by looking ahead with gratitude and excitement for our future — including our upcoming Community Wellness Center — and with renewed commitment to the mission we live every day.

**And to our amazing staff: Thank you for your passion, compassion, and unwavering dedication to improving lives. You are the heart of Hunter Health.**

The week also kicked off the way to Hunter Health's 50th anniversary in 2026. We're already in the early stages of planning. **Stay tuned!**



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# BOARD MEMBERS SPREAD SMILES



**Back-to-school season is upon us, and we're gearing up in a big way — preparing over 10,800 Delta Dental Smile Kits to help students start the year with healthy smiles.**

A huge shout out to the incredible members of Hunter Health's Board of Directors for volunteering their time and energy to support this effort: Mike Flores, Amber Williams, Susan Breeden, and Niomi Thompson.

Thank you for joining in on our mission to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community.

**Here's an example of the work our community outreach dental team does:**

In the 2024-25 school year, they performed screenings in **34** schools, **20** of which get dental services. They conducted a total of **12,427** screenings, **447** cleanings, **504** fluoride treatments and **1,279** sealants.

**Keep up the good work everyone!**



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: DR. MACKENZIE REED, DMD

**Who Am I?** — I am a Kansas native who grew up in a small town between Hutchinson and Newton. In my free time, I like to spend time camping at the lake with my husband and two children.

**Healthcare Specialty** — Dentistry

**Experience** — I graduated from A.T. Still University in Mesa, Arizona and I have been working in private practice in Newton for the last five years.

**Why Hunter Health?** — During my education, which was heavily focused on community health dentistry, I received a certificate in public health and am excited to use that training in addition to my dental degree to serve the patients of Hunter Health.



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## MISSION MINUTE

Recovery takes courage — and commitment. One of our patients showed both by enrolling in Hunter Health's Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, ready to take the next step toward healing. But there was one major obstacle: They had no way to get to their appointment.

### **That's where our Care Team Members stepped in.**

In July, our team recognized that access to care isn't just about having the right services — it's about being able to reach them. Thanks to Hunter Health's transportation program, we were able to arrange a ride for the patient, ensuring they could attend their life-changing appointment without delay.

Because at Hunter Health, we believe that healing shouldn't be out of reach — and sometimes, it starts with simply providing the ride to get there.

To learn more about Hunter Health's programs, visit [hunterhealth.org/services](https://hunterhealth.org/services).

**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.



# BEST DAY AT HUNTER HEALTH

At a recent all-staff quarterly meeting, we asked our team members to share their best day at Hunter Health. Here are some more:

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*“I love how the admin team will take the time to write personal thank you cards and make me feel appreciated and welcomed.”*

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*“Every day that we can make an impact in our patients’ lives is a good day. A lot of our patients just need to be heard, and someone actively listening can make someone’s day, especially when patients come in experiencing pain.”*

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*“One of my favorite moments working at Hunter Health was the day I was able to share that we were ready to break ground on the new Central Clinic. The team had been waiting for many years for an improved space. They had been providing excellent patient care in sub-optimal conditions. I was very excited to be able to help move the project forward to create a great space for our patients and employees.”*  
—Amy Feimer

## DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY PHARMACY

Hunter Health is the proud owner of our Community Pharmacy, located in the Central Clinic lobby. Our pharmacy welcomes all patients.

Our pharmacists collaborate directly with our care teams to ensure a seamless experience.

**At the Hunter Health Community Pharmacy, you'll enjoy:**

- Friendly and knowledgeable pharmacy staff.
- Convenient medication pick-up before you leave the clinic.
- Expert medication counseling.
- Sliding-fee-scale discounts for eligible patients.
- Access to a Medication Affordability Review.
- Curbside pharmacy pick-up.

Rising medication costs can be a concern, but at the Hunter Health Community Pharmacy, our patients may benefit from the Federal 340B program, which allows us to offer high-quality medications at significantly reduced rates. The care you need can be accessible without breaking the bank.

**Contact the pharmacy directly at 316-796-8438.**

The Hunter Health Community Pharmacy – quality care and affordable prescriptions, all in one place!



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLINIC WAS A SUCCESS

Last month we wrapped up day three of our Back-to-School Vaccination and Physical Clinic. **Dr. Agustin, Lauren Denison, Jimena Batres, and Cynthia Martinez** have been working tirelessly to provide families with accessible, efficient care — ensuring every student is ready to start the school year strong.

From physicals and vaccines to dental, vision, and hearing checks, families are getting it all done in one visit. With smart prep, student volunteers, and seamless teamwork, these days have been efficient, fast-paced, and collaborative.

**Huge thanks to our team and enthusiastic volunteers!**  
**The last date to schedule a vaccination is Sept. 10.**



## OUT *and* ABOUT

Here are our August community outreach highlights.

We attended “**Rooted in Strength: Honoring Emotional Fitness Through Community and Culture,**” a 2025 Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month event. It was an honor to help raise awareness about the unique mental health challenges faced by minority communities and how we can help. **Thanks for having us!**

And during **National Health Center Week**, we took time to celebrate our incredible team with the **Hunter Health Annual Employee Appreciation Event** at Chicken N Pickle. It was a chance to relax, connect, and enjoy each other’s company outside of work — with plenty of laughs, great food, and even a little friendly competition. Some of our staff showed off their impressive pickleball skills, proving they’ve got game both in and out of the clinic.





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## **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.

**Scan the QR Code to learn more about Patty Ringer.**



## **NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK VIDEOS**

You can see all of our excellent National Health Center week videos by our multimedia storyteller Brennan Barger in one place. **Just scan the QR code.**



Please visit our website at [hunterhealth.org](https://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.