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Knox County Hospital District Celebrates National Doctors' Day

Medical providers in Knox County to be celebrated on March 30.

KNOX CITY, Texas (March 19, 2021) – If there is one thing the past year has taught us, it is how much we rely on our physicians to keep us healthy. The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly changed the way many in America and around the world view doctors' work.

Doctors are healthcare professionals without a doubt a cornerstone of any community's healthcare, including here at home in Knox County. That is why Knox County Hospital District is joining a nationwide appreciation campaign showing support for local physicians by celebrating National Doctors' Day on March 30.

"The past year has certainly been one for the books," says Stephen Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District. "Despite the raging pandemic, the physicians of our community have done amazing work to care for our health."

Doctors' Day was first observed in 1933 when Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, proposed a celebration to show appreciation for physicians' work and their role in saving lives. Eudora was inspired by the anniversary of the first use of anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long in 1842.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution in 1958 commemorating the special day. With Congress's approval in 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a declaration that officially designated March 30 as National Doctors' Day.

Knox County Hospital District has had a long history of serving the community. Tracing its roots back to the mid-1920s, the regional healthcare provider has remained resilient by continually growing to meet local medical needs. In addition to family practice, physicians offer medical services in a variety of specialties at the hospital and two clinics in Knox City and Munday.

Focusing on the healthcare needs of the community continues to be a priority, according to Kuehler. That is why Knox County Hospital District continually monitors local health trends for physician recruitment.

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"Each year, we continue to build the availability of healthcare programs and services in Knox County," Kuehler explains. "Whether it is through equipment or human resources, like new physicians, focusing on patient care is always our goal."

A highly trained team of physicians serves the community all year long in a comprehensive breadth of medical specialties. Join in showing appreciation for these essential health care providers:

- Laura Hart, M.D. – Family Practice
- Leon Joplin, D.O. – Family Practice
- Melvyn Genraich, M.D. –Emergency Medicine
- Chris Scott, FNP – Family Nurse Practitioner
- Cindy Guess, FNP-C – Family Nurse Practitioner
- James Kirklin, D.C., FNP-BC – Family Nurse Practitioner
- Gordon Ross, FNP – Emergency Medicine

"While Doctors' Day is just a date on the calendar, I know all of us at Knox County Hospital District are grateful for service," Kuehler says. "During your next appointment, be sure to thank your physician for their time and amazing service."

To learn more about local medical services or to find a provider, visit www.knoxhospital.org.

About Knox County Hospital District

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education, and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit www.knoxhospital.org.

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