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National Hospital Week Highlights the Importance of Local Hospitals

Knox County Hospital District honors local providers and staff during the pandemic.

KNOX CITY, Texas (May 5, 2021) – Hospitals in rural communities like Knox County have played a critical role throughout the coronavirus pandemic. By providing essential healthcare services to those who need it most, including those who have fallen ill, hospital teams have worked around the clock to protect their neighbors.

During this year's National Hospital Week (May 9-15), Knox County Hospital District is shining a spotlight on hospitals' unique role in rural communities during times of great need.

"The past year has shown how critical hospitals like the one here in Knox County are when it comes to providing immediate and convenient healthcare services," says Stephen Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District. "National Hospital Week is the perfect opportunity to show our appreciation for healthcare workers' service during the pandemic and throughout every year. The entire team here at Knox County Hospital District has been nothing short of amazing, and I couldn't be any prouder."

From risking their health and safety to care for patients who have become ill to providing vaccines, the medical team and staff at Knox County Hospital, Knox & Munday Medical Clinics, Munday Nursing Center and our home health teams have provided critical services.

National Hospital Week is a nationwide campaign during which hospitals across the nation celebrate healthcare professionals and their services. During the COVID-19 health emergency, National Hospital Week is a chance to show appreciation for the critical roles that all of our healthcare providers do in the community. Healthcare workers play a critical role in the health and wellness of the local community year-round. In extraordinary times like these, the importance of a robust medical system is more apparent than ever.

For nearly a century, Knox County's local hospital has grown with the local region, providing health-related programs and services that align with local needs. The hospital district offers healthcare services such as wellness exams, flu and COVID-19 vaccines, and laboratory services so that patients can get the essential screenings they need to ensure they are in good health. Physical therapy and rehabilitation services are also offered for those needing assistance recovering from accidents, surgeries, or other ailments.

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Kuehler notes that rural hospitals serve as vital lifelines, especially in small communities where driving long distances to larger cities is a burden.

"Over the past decade, we have seen many rural hospitals close in Texas and across the nation. Thankfully, that is not the case here in Knox County," Kuehler emphasizes. "Our local community can comfort knowing that their local hospital is thriving, and a team of compassionate healthcare providers is just down the road ready to care for them in their moment of need."

To learn more about local healthcare 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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