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Nursing Team Celebrated During National Nurses Week

Knox County Hospital District honors nurses for their tireless dedication to patient care.

KNOX CITY, Texas (May 2, 2025) – Every year from May 6 to May 12, communities across the country celebrate National Nurses Week — and at Knox County Hospital District (KCHD), this celebration carries special meaning. It's a time to honor the heart, soul, and strength behind patient care: our nurses.

Nurses are the first to greet you when you walk into a clinic, the steady hands during emergencies, and the warm support families lean on during uncertain times. At KCHD, nurses serve not only in the hospital, but throughout the district's clinics and Munday Nursing Center — ensuring that patients receive excellent care close to home.

"Nurses are the steady foundation of healthcare," said Stephen Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District. "Their knowledge, compassion, and dedication help us deliver care that is not just clinically sound, but deeply personal."

Nursing is not a one-size-fits-all profession. At Knox County Hospital District, a wide range of nursing professionals work together to create seamless, patient-centered care:

- **Registered Nurses (RNs):** As key coordinators of care, RNs manage complex treatment plans, educate patients, and guide families through healthcare decisions with professionalism and empathy.
- **Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs):** LVNs provide critical hands-on support, monitoring patients, administering medications, and ensuring comfort during each step of the healing process.
- **Nurse Practitioners (NPs):** With advanced degrees and training, NPs diagnose illnesses, create treatment plans, and provide primary care services, often serving as a trusted provider for patients of all ages.
- **Nurses' Aides (Certified Nursing Assistants, CNAs):** The important work of CNAs cannot be overstated. They assist with daily living activities, mobility, and emotional support, creating a vital link between patients and their broader care team.

"Our nursing team represents every stage of the healing journey — from preventative care at the clinic to critical interventions at the hospital," added Kuehler. "Each role is different, but every one of them brings heart, skill, and hope to our patients."

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Importantly, the reach of KCHD nurses extends beyond the hospital walls. Nurses can be found in the family clinics, outpatient services, and even community health events — quietly making a difference in countless ways.

"Nursing is about being there when it matters most," said Kuehler. "Our nurses advocate, educate, listen, and lead. Their presence is powerful, and their impact is felt long after a patient leaves our care."

Nurses across KCHD bring far more than clinical skill to their roles; they bring humanity. They notice the worried faces, the small victories, the quiet moments that require an extra dose of kindness.

Their work demands much — physically, emotionally, and mentally — yet their commitment never wavers. Whether working a long overnight shift, coordinating complex care needs, or comforting a scared child, KCHD nurses are tireless in their mission.

"We see courage in every shift and compassion in every interaction," Kuehler shared. "Our nurses show up day after day, not because it's easy, but because they know their work changes lives."

As healthcare continues to evolve, the need for dedicated, well-trained nurses grow even stronger. Knox County Hospital District encourages anyone considering a career in healthcare to explore nursing — a profession built on service, skill, and heart.

"Nurses are not just essential to healthcare; they are essential to the well-being of every community," said Kuehler. "We are proud to support and celebrate every member of our nursing team this week and always."

In honor of National Nurses Week, KCHD will host small events of appreciation and share messages of gratitude across its facilities. Patients, families, and community members are also encouraged to reach out and thank a nurse who has made a difference in their lives.

Because behind every treatment, every recovery, and every moment of care — there is a nurse who made it possible.

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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