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Celebrating the People Behind Local Care

May 10–16 Honors Hospital and Nursing Center Teams

KNOX CITY, Texas (**May 1, 2026**) – Knox County Hospital District will join hospitals and long-term care centers across the country in celebrating National Hospital Week and National Nursing Center Week, May 10–16, 2026. The week is an opportunity to recognize the people who make local health care possible for patients, residents, families and communities throughout Knox County.

This year's National Hospital Week theme is "Healing Happens Here," while the 2026 nursing center theme is "Moments in Bloom." Together, the themes reflect the daily work of health care teams who provide medical care, comfort, encouragement, support and connection close to home.

For Knox County Hospital District, the week recognizes the people serving across the hospital district, including Knox County Hospital, Knox City Clinic, Munday Clinic, Knox County Hospital Home Health, Seymour Medical Supply, Knox County Pharmacy and Supply, and Munday Nursing Center. It is a celebration of the many individuals who help patients receive care, support residents and families, and keep local services available in a rural area.

"National Hospital Week gives us a chance to recognize the people behind local health care," said Stephen Kuehler, CEO. "The theme 'Healing Happens Here' fits Knox County because healing is not limited to one place or one moment. It happens when someone receives care close to home, when a family feels supported, when a resident is treated with dignity and when our team works together to meet the needs of the community."

In rural communities, local health care is especially important. Access to nearby services can help patients avoid unnecessary travel, stay connected to familiar care teams and receive support in a setting that understands the needs of the community. For families, local care can bring reassurance during times of illness, recovery, transition or uncertainty.

Knox County Hospital District serves as a local health care resource through a broad range of services and settings. The hospital district's work includes care provided in the hospital, clinic visits, long-term care, emergency support, diagnostic services, therapy, follow-up care and many other services that help patients and families throughout the region.

The celebration also recognizes that health care depends on many people working together. Some team members provide direct patient or resident care, while others support safety, communication,

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operations, facilities, meals, records, billing, transportation, coordination and daily service. Each role contributes to the larger mission of caring for people.

“Every person on our team makes an impact,” Kuehler said. “Patients and families may see only part of the process, but local health care depends on many hands and many hearts. During this week, we want every employee to know their work is noticed, valued and appreciated.”

National Nursing Center Week also places a special focus on Munday Nursing Center and the important role it plays for residents and families. Long-term care is built on trust, consistency and relationships. Staff members often become part of residents’ daily lives, helping create an environment where people are cared for, encouraged and respected.

“The theme ‘Moments in Bloom’ is a beautiful way to describe what happens in a nursing center,” said Kelsey Simmons, Administrator at Munday Nursing Center. “The work is made up of many moments — a conversation, a helping hand, a meal shared, a family visit, a laugh, a quiet word of encouragement. Those moments matter, and they help residents feel seen, supported and at home.”

Munday Nursing Center has long been part of the Knox County Hospital District family of care. Its role extends beyond medical support. The center provides a place where residents can receive daily assistance, skilled care, companionship and connection in a familiar community setting.

Families also benefit from having nursing center care close to home. When loved ones can remain near their community, family members and friends may have more opportunities to visit, stay involved and continue meaningful relationships.

“Our residents are individuals with stories, families, memories and purpose,” Simmons, said. “National Nursing Center Week allows us to honor them, while also thanking the staff members who bring compassion and dedication to their work every day.”

As Knox County Hospital District observes National Hospital Week and National Nursing Center Week, the organization extends appreciation to employees across the district and to the community members who continue to support local health care.

Kuehler said the week is both a celebration and a reminder of why local care matters.

“We are grateful for the people who choose to serve here,” Kuehler said. “Their work helps keep care close to home for Knox County. That is worth celebrating, not just during this special week, but every day.”



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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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