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For more than 40 years, CareSouth Carolina has stood by its community, serving as a medical home—a place where people can experience healing, caring relationships regardless of their personal circumstance and the best is yet to come.

CareSouth Carolina is celebrating its 40th year anniversary and though the organization has grown immensely over the last four decades, the mission remains the same: To improve the health and well-being of everyone.

CareSouth Carolina started with humble beginnings in 1980 when Society Hill Family Health Clinic opened its doors with five employees and provided services to 24 patients. In November of that same year, Ann Lewis- the current CEO for CareSouth Carolina- stepped in as the director for the organization.

“It just grabs you by the heart – community health,” Lewis said. “There are not that many jobs that make this kind of difference in people’s lives.”

In 1985, Bishopville, Clio and McColl sites who were part of the Lee Medical Practice joined the Society Hill Family Health Clinic. In 1986, Society Hill family Health Clinic began doing business as Pee Dee Community Health Services before eventually ending on the name ‘CareSouth Carolina’ in 1996.

Over the course of its history, CareSouth Carolina has seen exponential growth throughout the Pee Dee and strives to offer a full-patient experience for everyone in rural areas of the state that may not have access to care otherwise.

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In 2019, CareSouth Carolina opened the doors to its state-of-the-art McColl Health & Wellness Center. The new facility, located at 3080 Highway 15- 401 E, has a total of 28,992 square-feet and more than quadruples the organization's capacity to provide services to Marlboro County and its surrounding areas.

The center offers space for additional primary care providers, behavioral health counseling, lab services, family support services and senior support services in a county that does not have a hospital. The new facility houses a state-of-the-art Cardiac Rehab with a therapy pool and whirlpool, a gym with exercise equipment, coffee bar and a teaching kitchen. In addition to medical, dental and wellness services provided, the center has a Helipad on its property to airlift those in need of emergency medical attention.



In addition, CareSouth Carolina is set to open the doors to its newest facility in Chesterfield later this year. The Chesterfield office, a 17,000-square foot state-of-the-art facility, will provide space for additional primary care providers, dental services, behavioral health counseling, x-ray, lab, ultrasound, pharmacy with a drive thru and a community room for various health and community events.

And CareSouth Carolina is still growing.

CareSouth Carolina has broken ground on a facility in Dillon that will be a partnership with the South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services (SC-DHEC).

Today, CareSouth Carolina sees more than 36,000 patients every year at 14 different locations across five counties in the Pee Dee region. The organization operates medical centers in Bennettsville, Bishopville, Cheraw, Chesterfield, Dillon, Hartsville, Lake View, Latta, McColl and Society Hill.

An organization that began with just four now has more than 500 employees.

CareSouth Carolina offers extensive services to those areas of the Pee Dee region, including family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, women services, OB/GYN, HIV/AIDS primary care, dental, chiropractic services, pharmacy, substance-use prevention, geriatrics, social services, clinical counseling, laboratory, 4D ultrasound, X-Ray, migrant services and veterans choice provider.

In addition to providing a scope of services at its medical centers across the Pee Dee, CareSouth Carolina also provides comprehensive medical services through its ROADS (Reaching Out and Delivering Services) units.

Mobile ROADS provides school-based care for students in 57 schools in five different school districts in the Pee Dee. Care ROADS also provides school-based care, but can be dispatched during natural disasters to provide remote care. Freedom ROADS provides remote Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services on-site at three area addictions-treatment agencies weekly for those struggling with substance abuse disorders.

CareSouth Carolina also has mobile dental units that provide comprehensive dental services in the community and at more than 57 schools in the Pee Dee through its "Miles of Smiles" program. Through that program, the organization serves thousands of children with school-based dental care each year.

All in all, though, CareSouth Carolina is still about the one patient looking for a place to experience excellent care and service.....

a place where he or she can feel at home — and always welcome.

CareSouth Carolina set to open State-of-the-Art Chesterfield facility



For more than 15 years, CareSouth Carolina has served in the Chesterfield community and now the organization is set to open a new 17,000-square foot state-of-the-art facility illustrating its commitment to the community for the long-term.

The new facility, which will be located at 204 Perry Wiley Way, more than quadruples CareSouth Carolina's capacity to provide services to Chesterfield county and its surrounding areas.

"CareSouth Carolina has been invested in the Chesterfield community for over 15 years," CareSouth Carolina CEO Ann Lewis said. "This has been a very long time in the making. We have outgrown our current location and this new facility will definitely fix the space problem and provide much needed expanded services to the area."

In addition to the services provided at the current location, the new facility will provide space for additional primary care providers, dental services, behavioral health counseling, x-ray, lab, ultrasound, pharmacy with a drive thru and a community room for various health and community events.

CareSouth Carolina originally opened its site at 500 West Boulevard in 2005. Since then, the organization has focused on providing quality care that makes a difference in the Chesterfield community.

Currently, the site employs more than 16 medical professionals, including four providers: Christina Biester, M.D.; Sarah Knight, ANP-BC; Ryann Charisse Lee, APRN; and Jack W. Rhyne, LISW.



National Rural Health Day is Nov. 19, 2020

Rural communities are wonderful places to live and work, which is why approximately 57 million people – one in five Americans – call them home. These rural communities also have unique healthcare needs.

National Rural Health Day is an opportunity to celebrate the "Power of Rural", bringing to light the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face and showcasing the efforts of rural healthcare providers, State Offices of Rural Health and other rural stakeholders to address those challenges.

CareSouth Carolina is proud to recognize the innovation, quality of care, and dedication of health professionals and volunteers in our community during National Rural Health Day 2020. National Rural Health Day falls on the third Thursday in November each year and recognizes the efforts of those serving the health needs of those estimated 57 million people across the nation.

"Today more than ever, rural communities must tackle accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, the needs of an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens," Teryl Eisinger, NOSORH CEO, said. "Meanwhile, rural hospitals are threatened with declining reimbursement rates and disproportionate funding levels that makes it challenging to serve their residents."

You are invited to participate in the following planned National Rural Health Day activities as we celebrate the "Power of Rural."

A special website (www.PowerofRural.org) has been established for rural health stakeholders to explore a partnership pledge, showcase individuals and organizations selected as 2020 Community Stars, and provide visitors with a variety of tools, including social media posts to help #PowerofRural trend in outlets such as Twitter and Facebook. The website also shares how rural communities across the country will be celebrating National Rural Health Day.

All CareSouth Carolina offices will be closed on the following dates:

Thanksgiving: November 26-27, 2020

Christmas: December 24 & 25, 2020

New Year's Day: January 1, 2021



Services:

Family Practice
 Pediatrics
 Women's Care
 Behavioral Health Counseling
 Lab
 Radiology/Ultrasound
 Chiropractic Care
 Dental Care
 Family Support Services
 Substance Abuse Prevention Program
 Infectious Diseases Primary Care
 Senior Support Services
 Community Pharmacy

Convenient Locations

Bennettsville Center
 999 Cheraw Street
 Bennettsville, SC 29512
 843.479.2341

Bennettsville Pediatric Center
 210 W. Main Street
 Bennettsville, SC 29512
 843.479.1200

Bennettsville Women's Center
 1076 Marlboro Way, Suite 1
 Bennettsville, SC 29512
 843.454.2294

Bishopville Center
 545 Sumter Highway
 Bishopville, SC 29010
 803.484.5317

Hunt's Family Practice
 106 Hospital Square
 Bishopville, SC 29010
 803.484.5943

Bishopville Pediatric Dental
 101 Harris Street
 Bishopville, SC 29010
 866.815.9845

Cheraw Center
 715 S. Doctors Drive Suite E
 Cheraw, SC 29520
 843.537.0961

Chesterfield Center
 500 W. Boulevard
 Chesterfield, SC 29709
 843.623.5000

Dillon Center
 207 E. Monroe Street
 Dillon, SC 29536
 843.774.4337

Hartsville Center
 1268 S. Fourth Street
 Hartsville, SC 29550
 843.332.3422
 843.339.5520 Chiropractic

Lake View Center
 103 N. Kemper Street
 Lake View, SC 29563
 843.759.2189

Latta Center
 122 Lattimer Street
 Latta, SC 29565
 843.627.6252

McColl Center
 3080 Highway 15-401 E
 McColl, SC 29570
 843.523.5751

Society Hill Center
 737 S. Main Street
 Society Hill, SC 29593
 843.378.4501

Public Employee Health Services - Marlboro County
 100 Matheson Street
 Bennettsville, SC 29512
 843.456.7752

CareSouth Carolina chosen as one of just 20 national pilot sites for NACHC 'Leading Change' project

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced health systems to reimagine how to effectively manage preventive care and chronic diseases when regular in-person visits are difficult or no longer feasible. With many U.S. adults delaying preventive care, and with 6 in 10 having at least one chronic condition including heart disease, cancer, and diabetes, regular health management is a matter of life and death with added COVID-19 risks. A large population of high-risk patients who are more likely to suffer from a disproportionate array of chronic conditions are cared for by community health centers.

To address this problem, The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) developed a cutting-edge pilot project with 20 select health centers in 16 states around the country who will now offer patients their own self-care tools and remote patient monitoring to prevent unnecessary health problems. NACHC's project is called, "Leading Change: Transforming At-Home Care".

Dr. Jeniqua Duncan, associate medical director for CareSouth Carolina, said one of the most exciting portions of the pilot program was seeing the patients' willingness to participate and excitement to try something new that could positively change their healthy outcomes.

"CareSouth Carolina is excited and extremely honored to be chosen for this timely initiative," Dr. Duncan said. "COVID-19 has forced us to look at different ways to reach our patients and connect with them, so this strategy to provide patients with the tools and information they need to care for themselves at home with our help, will make a tremendous difference in their lives."

20 high-risk patients from CareSouth Carolina will be given a Patient Care Kit that includes a home kit for colorectal cancer screening, a home blood-sugar monitor for diabetes, a blood pressure monitor, a thermometer and scale. Patients will also receive educational materials and regular virtual visits from clinic staff. Clinic staff will receive technical assistance from NACHC.

The pilot is funded by the Division of Cancer Control and Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is designed to capture data through June 2021. It officially began on September 24th.

NACHC's Quality Center is excited to launch this initiative. "This pandemic has shown us how community health center partners can step-up to transform our local healthcare systems and lead us into the future with new blended care delivery models that include at-home self-care integrated with virtual care. These steps have the potential to critically improve the way preventive care and chronic diseases are managed during and beyond this pandemic."



Thousands of Americans die from the flu, or influenza, each year and there is an added amount of concern about this coming flu season due to its potential to combine with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to create what could be a difficult fall and winter for the nation.

"We are encouraging people to get their flu shots for this coming flu season," CareSouth Carolina Chief of Nursing Tracie Thigpen said. "The CDC is recommending getting this shot to help combat the spread of respiratory illness during this fall and winter. The flu shot is important to help protect our vulnerable populations from illness."

To make an appointment for your seasonal flu shot, please call your local CareSouth Carolina office.

CSC Community Pharmacy Locations

HARTSVILLE
 1268 South Fourth Street
 843.332.3422

BENNETTSVILLE
 999 Cheraw Street
 843.456.7777

CHERAW
 715 S. Doctors Drive, Suite E
 843.537.0961

LATTA
 122 Lattimer Street
 843.627.6261

BISHOPVILLE
 545 Sumter Highway
 803.484.7965

SOCIETY HILL
 737 S. Main Street
 843.378.4501

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