

Migrant Camp Visits - Another Successful Spring

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As the crops were planted and harvested this past spring, East Georgia Healthcare Center (EGHC) provided free on-site medical care to the migrant farm workers and their families. The migrant camp visits were held at various farm locations in Toombs and Tattnall County.



Each camp visit proved to be a success. Even though EGHC's offices are open during the week, we know that the migrant farm worker faces obstacles when it comes to healthcare needs. Such as no transportation, financial burdens, and language barriers. EGHC visits the farms each year to provide much needed health care services because of this.

The doctors and medical providers saw the migrant worker and their families at the camp for free. Various medications were provided for free, and the camp visits were conducted at migrant's farm in which they were working. Written prescriptions were provided at no cost to the migrant farm worker if the medication needed was not available on site.

Bilingual EGHC staff members as well as interpreters were available to help ease the language barrier obstacle.

East Georgia Healthcare Center partnered with Medical College of Georgia, Georgia Southern University and Southeast Georgia Communities Project to make the migrant camp visits a success.

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We invite you to make an appointment and visit one of our offices to see all that we have to offer. For more information you can also visit our website at www.eghc.org.

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We look forward to another series of successful camp visits next spring.