

East Georgia Healthcare Center Celebrates 10 Years of Quality Healthcare

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East Georgia Healthcare Center, Inc. (EGHC) is a not-for-profit, community-based organization dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all residents of Emanuel, Tattnall, and Treutlen Counties, regardless of their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability, veteran status, and/or ability to pay. EGHC has three locations in Southeast Georgia, Swainsboro, Reidsville and Soperton.

Since the doors opened 10 years ago in 1994, EGHC has served 12,092 patients, had 79,629 visits and has provided \$7,686,624 in free goods and services.

“The fact that East Georgia Healthcare Center patients have a choice and in many cases travel great distances in order to receive care here speaks strongly of the quality of care we offer, and of our dedication to a patient’s health” explained East Georgia Healthcare Center CEO, Jennie Wren Denmark.

In the past year alone, EGHC has had 16,413 patient visits and \$1,565,440 in free medication was given to patients in need by the Indigent Drug Program.

2004 saw EGHC both triple in size and in staff as we reached out to patients and communities in need. With a 70% increase in visits over the past 3 years, patients have obviously responded to the quality of service and care we provide at EGHC.

East Georgia Healthcare Center offers several health education programs free of charge to the public. We are very proud of our Diabetic Collaborative and their accomplishments. Patients are given diabetic counseling, free glucometers and glucometer strips are sold to the patient at a discount. Free diabetic education classes are offered to the public once a month at our Swainsboro location. EGHC also provides free blood pressure screenings throughout the community at local businesses, schools and industries. For more information on when and where please contact the office convenient to you.

In early 2005 EGHC goes live with Electronic Medical Records (EMR). An important step forward for the healthcare of the communities they serve. Among the many benefits, EMR will improve patient education, provide instant access to patient records, and enhance patient chart information. “EMR is a valuable tool and we plan to use it to further improve the care we provide our patients. EGHC is proud to lead the way for other healthcare centers across the country by being one of the first to implement this type of technology,” Herman Thompson, Chief Information Officer.

In 2004 East Georgia Healthcare Center (EGHC) was named “Community Healthcare Center of the Year” by the Georgia Association for Primary Healthcare (GAPHC). The

award was presented at the annual GAPHC conference held on October 28th, 2004 in Savannah.

“In 2004 East Georgia Healthcare Center has shown remarkable and well-planned growth and has proven that they intend to build upon their 10 year history of providing quality healthcare to the rural communities of Georgia,” Duane Kavka, Executive Director, GAPHC.

The providers, management and board of directors at EGHC would like to thank our wonderful staff and patients for helping to bring this prestigious award to Southeast Georgia. Everyone has worked very hard and together we have helped those in need get the quality healthcare they deserve.

East Georgia Healthcare Center as a whole would like to thank the community for it's ongoing support and we look forward to serving you and your family for another 10 years and beyond.

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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