

East Georgia Healthcare Center Grows by Leaps & Bounds

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East Georgia Healthcare Center, Inc. (EGHC) is a not-for-profit, community-based healthcare organization governed by a board of directors. EGHC is 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 12 years ago in 1994, EGHC has served **16,229 patients**, had **111,196 visits**, and has provided **\$13,490,498 in free goods and services**.

In the past year alone, EGHC has had 24,058 patient visits and \$2,607,971 in free medication was given to patients in need by the Indigent Drug Program. With a 70% increase in visits over the past 3 years, and a steady stream of new patients each month, patients have obviously responded to the quality of service and care we provide at EGHC.

In 2006 EGHC's Swainsboro office moved administration and billing to a new building. This move paved the way for a complete remodeling and expansion of the Swainsboro medical office.

Over the course of 3 months the medical office underwent a complete face-lift inside and outside. Just some of the many improvements include a larger and more comfortable waiting room, expanded patient service areas and new equipment throughout the facility. Now the largest physician practice in the area the Swainsboro office increased from 5 exam rooms to 11. All of us at EGHC are very proud of our new office and the amenities it makes available to everyone.

A larger office and increased need in the community requires more staff. EGHC now employs 38 and expects this number to grow in 2007 to 45. In 2006 EGHC added 4 new doctors to the Swainsboro staff; Dr. Jamal, Dr. Mataosky, Dr. Mendez and Dr. Murimi. All are board-certified family practitioners and are excited to become part of our medical community.

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. 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.

In October at the annual Georgia Association for Primary Healthcare (GAPHC) conference in Savannah, EGHC CEO, Jennie Wren Denmark received the Administrator of the Year award. Her insightfulness and guidance has led EGHC into new sites, overcome barriers and has established EGHC as a healthcare leader in Southeast Georgia. This is a prestigious award and all of us at EGHC are very proud of her accomplishment.

“East Georgia Healthcare Center has shown remarkable and well-planned growth and has proven that they intend to build upon their 12 year history of providing quality healthcare to the rural communities of Georgia,” Duane Kavka, Executive Director, GAPHC. The GAPHC is a state-wide association of Community Health Centers of which EGHC is a member.

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.

“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.

As we look forward to an even better 2007, the providers, management and board of directors at EGHC would like to thank our wonderful staff and patients for helping to make 2006 another great year. Everyone has worked very hard and together we have helped those in need get the quality healthcare they deserve.

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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