

East Georgia Healthcare Center Celebrates 10 Years

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East Georgia Healthcare Center (EGHC) recently celebrated 10 years of providing quality healthcare to southeast Georgia on August 19th, 2004. The 10th Anniversary Celebration and Luau was a colorful and festive event held at East Georgia College in Swainsboro.



Over 130 attendees including past and present board members, past and present staff members, community leaders and members, helped to make this a gala event.

Georgia Senator Jack Hill was the keynote speaker. Senator Hill has done a great deal to encourage rural economic development and has been a long time promoter of increased quality healthcare, particularly with Community Healthcare Centers, in rural Georgia. Senator Hill's speech commended the EGHC staff for their tireless efforts in providing quality healthcare to the entire community.

A beautiful musical tribute was given by 10 year employee, Beatrice Payne. Herman Thompson, CIO, presented a slideshow picture presentation that captured some of the center's highlights as well as candid moments from the past 10 years.



Senator Hill received The 2004 Legislative Leadership Award from EGHC and the Georgia Association for Primary Healthcare for his continuing work in making affordable healthcare available to the community through centers like East Georgia Healthcare Center.

MJ McDaniel, Office Manager recognized and expressed her appreciation to service award recipients for their dedication and service to EGHC. Presentations were made to individual staff members for one, three, five and ten years of service.

Employees recognized for serving 10 years were Jennie Wren Denmark, CEO and

Beatrice Payne, Medical Assistant. At this event EGHC began a new tradition of presenting 10 year employees with a \$1000.00 check as a way of saying thank you.

Recognized for 5 years of service were Jill Sorrells, CFO; Linda Watson, Office Assistant and Wanda Turner, Medical Assistant

Recognized for 3 years of service were Andrea Johnson, Medical Assistant; Wilson Pais, M. D., Staff Physician and Sanjay Serrao, M. D., Medical Director

Recognized for 1 year of service were Kelli Dickens, Office Assistant; Ruth Dillard, Medical Assistant; Sandra Tann, Medical Assistant; Debbie Brannen, Medical Assistant and Carol Simmons, Family Nurse Practitioner

Linda Morgan, Chairman of the Board of Directors for EGHC presented special recognition pins to the members of the EGHC Board of Directors.



East Georgia Healthcare Center, Inc. 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.

“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 when asked about the center’s enduring success.

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



“East Georgia Healthcare Center is proud of it’s significant contributions to healthcare over the past 10 years, and is proud of it’s staff who have helped those in need without concern for profit or recognition,” Sanjay Serrao, MD; EGHC Medical Director.

Mr. Herman Thompson, Chief Information Officer, coordinated the special event and announced the door prize winners. Prizes included cash and a trip.

East Georgia Healthcare Center would like to thank the community for it’s ongoing support

and we look forward to serving our communities for another 10 years and beyond.



