

East Georgia Healthcare Center holds open house

by Angela Dasher

Tattnall County now has a new state-of-the-art facility for patients of all ages who have acute or chronic illnesses.

East Georgia Healthcare Center (EGHC) held an open house for its new facility on June 29. EGHC has had an office in Reidsville for the past two years, located on Memorial Drive. Now they are located on South Main Street, across from Farm Bureau, in their beautiful, state-of-the-art facility.

"EGHC has been in operation for 11 years, with offices in Swainsboro, Reidsville, and Soperton. We treat everything from the flu to diabetes to hypertension; basically, everything other than emergency care. All patients are treated regardless of their ability to pay," said Herman Thompson, CIO.

All of EGHC's physicians are Board Certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Anthony Salvo is the family practitioner for the Reidsville office. Reidsville's medical staff also includes Debbie Brannen, LPN, and Penelope Mauldin, medical assistant.

During the open house, State Representative Terry Barnard received an award from the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care (GAPHC), thanking him for being a sponsor and for passing House Bill 1751. The



L to r: Bethann Patrick, Dr. Sanjay Serrao, Dr. Wilson Pais, Elsie Brown, Shameka Bethea, M. J. McDaniel, Beverly Craig, Gwen Love, Lynda Morgan, Mary Lou Caldera, Penelope Mauldin, Teresa Cordova, Olivia Salvo, Tarry Rogers, Dr. Anthony Salvo, State Representative Terry Barnard, Michaela Salvo, Herman Thompson, Amanda Brown, Jennie Wren Denmark, Celena Salvo, Debbie Brannen, and JoAnn Strickland.

award was presented to Barnard by Duane A. Kavka, Executive Director for GAPHC.

House Bill 1751 is a bill designed to provide good, quality health insurance coverage at affordable prices for employees who work at community health facilities. The bill was sponsored by Representatives Barnard, Ron Stephens, Mickey Channell, and

Butch Parrish.

"The bill did not receive a single dissenting vote in either the House or Senate, and we believe that was due to the fact there were four dedicated sponsors for the bill, who were determined to see that the bill was passed, and, thanks to them, it was," said Elsie Brown, Director of Governmental Affairs for GAPHC.

To make an appointment, please call the Reidsville office at 557-3300. Walk-ins are always welcome, too. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday.

For more information, please visit EGHC's website at www.eghc.org.