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## COMMUNITY HEALTH & DENTAL CELEBRATES 2024 NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK! FROM KIDS TO SENIORS: COMMUNITY INVITED to ATTEND HEALTH FAIR on FRIDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>

Pottstown – Community Health & Dental Care, Inc. (CHDC) celebrates National Health Center Week August 4 – 10, 2024. National Health Center Week is an annual celebration with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades and for the #Next50Years. The national theme for 2024 is Powering Communities Through Caring Connections.

Each day of National Health Center Week is dedicated to a particular area of focus. Throughout the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>, CHDC will showcase how it provides high-quality health care, improve health outcomes, and narrow health disparities. CHDC invites the community to celebrate the work that goes into providing accessible, high-quality healthcare to the tricounty area.

The weeklong celebration will culminate with an invitation to the tri-county community to attend the CHDC Health Fair on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at its Coventry Mall location, 351 W. Schuylkill Road in Pottstown from 11 AM – 2 PM (rain or shine!). People of all ages are invited to join CHDC and over 30 community partner organizations and agencies for a funfilled afternoon with health information, a diverse array of community resources, giveaways, activities for kids and adults, refreshments – including FREE flavored ice treats from Tropical Sno, FREE health screenings for blood pressure, backpack giveaways for kids heading back-to-school and more! For the Backpack giveaway, 100 Backpacks filled with back-to-school supplies will be offered to any student under age 18 who needs a backpack to start the school year. Be sure to stop by early if you need a backpack!

"National Health Center Week is a wonderful time to celebrate all the great work that Community Health Centers like CHDC have accomplished" says Kirsten Groff, CHDC Marketing and Events Director. "It has been incredible to watch our week-long celebration and health fair grow throughout the years, and we are looking forward to another successful NHCW! I love getting to watch our staff, patients, stakeholders, and community members come together throughout the week. Whether you are a longtime CHDC patient or have never visited a Community Health Center before, we encourage you to visit our Health Fair on August 9<sup>th</sup> and learn more about the programs and affordable access to health services we have to offer."

Everyone who attends the Health Fair will receive a FREE raffle ticket for a chance to win the CHDC Health Fair basket filled with health goodies and cash prizes. Attendees will also have an opportunity to earn additional raffle tickets by participating in various tables and/or activities as well as get an extra FREE raffle ticket by bringing an item to benefit the Street Medicine Program. For more information about National Health Center Week events at CHDC and requested donations for the Street Medicine program, please visit: <u>https://ch-dc.org/nhcw2024/</u>.

Participating community organizations include Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation, Pottstown Hospital Tower Health, ACLAMO, Action Karate Royersford, TriCounty Active Adult Center, YWCA TriCounty, Pottstown Library, Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Pottstown YMCA, Montgomery County Community College, and many more! In addition, Legal Aid of Southeast Pennsylvania, a non-profit law firm, will be onsite to provide information on how to obtain FREE legal advice as well as assistance with Wills and Advance Directives at no cost to those who qualify.

CHDC would like to thank Partner Sponsors: National Association of Community Health Centers, Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation, and UPMC Health Plan; Community Sponsors: TriCounty Area Federal Credit Union, Pottstown Hospital Tower Health, and TriCounty Community Network (TCN), and Walnut Woods for their generous donation and support, along with in-kind donations received from Gabe's, Wawa, Redner's, Weis, and Kimberton Whole Foods.

For more information about CHDC or to become a new patient, please call 610-326-9460 and our friendly staff will assist you!

## About Community Health & Dental Care

Since 2008, Community Health & Dental Care ensures access to appropriate levels of care for all people in the service area regardless of their ability to pay. CHDC has qualified, caring staff to assist you and your family to become a patient of a true medical and dental home. Same day and integrated appointments are available to meet the scheduling needs of our patients and family members!

CHDC provides medical, dental, OBGYN, vision, podiatry, physical therapy, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), integrated behavioral health, care and case management, and FREE transportation to and from all CHDC health center locations in Pottstown, Barto, and our newest medical office located in Boyertown offering Pediatrics and Women's Health with more services to come!

We accept most major Commercial, Medicare and Medicare supplement plans, Fee for Service Medicaid and Managed Care Medicaid plans and provide a health care discount for eligible uninsured and underinsured patients. For qualified patients receiving a 100% healthcare discount, the nominal fee for a medical/behavioral health/vision visit is \$25, \$40 for a dental visit and \$7 for a prescription! CHDC can offer the health care discount because we receive annual funding from our Federal partner, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) since 2012 as a designated Federally Qualified Health Center.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact us at 610-326-9460, email us at info@ch-dc.org or visit our website at <u>www.ch-dc.org</u>

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