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Did you know that you can support Hunter Health's mission right on our website?

Go to HunterHealth.org/donate or scan the QR code to find out how you can support our mission of improving the health and wellbeing of everyone, and make a difference in your community.



Special Recognition: HR Manager Nominated as Top HR Professional

We are thrilled to announce that our HR Manager, **Danielle Basile**, has been nominated by the Wichita Business Journal as a top HR professional. Basile, who is a health enthusiast and enjoys cooking and gardening, values the importance of teamwork and collaboration. She says,

“My strength is always reliant on the people around me and the organization with which I'm working. I think that that's probably the magic formula there, right? It's not just me, it's everybody.”

We are proud to have **Danielle Basile** as part of the Hunter Health family, and we appreciate her contributions to our mission of providing quality healthcare to everyone. Please join us in congratulating her on this well-deserved recognition!



Danielle Basile
HR Manager

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Follow us. We're excited to share we recently launched our new TikTok and Instagram pages! These pages are a great way for us to connect with our community and share more about the work we do at Hunter Health. **3**

Please visit our website at hunterhealth.org and check out everything it has to offer. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working with you in the weeks ahead to make a difference in the community. **6**

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Hunter Health Expands Brookside Campus >>>

We are excited to share we are expanding our Brookside campus through the acquisition of the church, meeting space, and area surrounding our clinic. Previously, we leased the clinic space from Chapel Hill U.M.C. while Chapel Hill owned the remaining property.

“The church has been a wonderful partner in our mission to serve the Planeview community. We are grateful for their longstanding support of our healthcare services in Planeview, and we are excited to continue our partnership in new ways now that we own the entire campus.”

– Amy Feimer, Hunter Health CEO

We are already making plans for the future of the Brookside campus. Over the next year, we will develop a roadmap for interior and exterior improvements while performing a community needs assessment to inform future programming and partnerships. We hope to partner with the Osage Tribe to recognize the history of the protected archaeological site abutting the property, known as the “Painted Turtle” site.

“We have served the Planeview neighborhood at the Brookside location for 25 years, and we are looking forward to expanding our services and impact in the community for the next 25 years,” Feimer says.

We recently had the pleasure of hosting Vice Mayor Mike Hoheisel on a tour of the facilities, and we were thrilled to show him everything we have to offer. We also held an Open House for our leadership, board members, and Brookside employees, which was a great success.

We look forward to welcoming more of the community as this expansion progresses.



In FY22 our Brookside Clinic served 461 unique patients from surrounding neighborhoods.

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Women's History Month



As we enter Women's History Month in March, we are reminded of the importance of celebrating the achievements and contributions of women throughout history. To mark this occasion, we asked some of our staff members to share their thoughts on the significance of this month. Here are a few inspiring quotes:

"Women's History Month is a time to commemorate the achievements of women in our country and the vast contributions that women have made through our history. Not only in healthcare, but in all walks of life."

"Women's History Month helps shine a light on the foundational contributions women have made in politics, science, and humanity that too often, have gone uncelebrated. It is important to call attention to everyone who fought for and continues to fight for women's equality in healthcare access, leadership, education, and economic empowerment across the globe. This reminder helps instill a level of confidence in younger generations that opportunities are limitless and that anything worth having is worth fighting for."

"Women's History Month is a time to honor the achievements of women throughout history and to acknowledge the ongoing struggle for gender equality. It also serves as a reminder of the vital role women play in our communities and healthcare system."

We appreciate the insight and perspective of our staff members and encourage everyone to take some time this month to honor the accomplishments of women, promote gender equality, and reflect on the importance of representation and visibility for women in all fields.

82% of Hunter Health employees identify as women.



Patient Spotlight: Rachel Castro's Experience at Hunter Health

We're proud to share the story of Rachel Castro, a new dental patient at Hunter Health. After losing her dental coverage, Rachel was initially hesitant to seek treatment, but a friend encouraged her to give Hunter Health a try. She was impressed by the range of services and modern facilities, and even more surprised to learn that Hunter Health offers care for everyone, regardless of insurance coverage.



"I didn't know that," she said, "I thought it was just for people who are struggling. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that it's for everyone."

When Rachel came in for her appointment, she was experiencing pain in a broken tooth. Dr. Hunter recommended a treatment plan to save her remaining teeth, which she thought wouldn't be possible. But thanks to the personalized approach of the Hunter Health team, Rachel was able to keep her tooth after Dr. Hunter put in a filling. She was thrilled to receive the same quality care as anyone else, and grateful for the comfort and support provided by the staff.

"I never imagined I would be treated so normally," Rachel said. "I was a little emotional and embarrassed, but the staff made me feel comfortable and supported."

At Hunter Health, we strive to provide exceptional dental care to all individuals, regardless of their financial circumstances. Dr. Valerie Hunter, Dental Director, puts it best:



"We like to have a personalized approach to all of our patients because they are people and they all have stories. We want to treat you as a person. You're not just a mouth with legs that walked into my dental operator, you are an entire person."

We hope Rachel's positive experience inspires others to seek the dental care they need and deserve, just as she did.

Daisy Gonzalez Soto: Making a Difference at Hunter Health

Daisy Gonzalez Soto is a driven and compassionate Integrated Care Consultant at Hunter Health, who is dedicated to helping vulnerable populations. As a first-generation Latinx person, she has always had a deep connection to her community, and this led her to pursue a career in social work and ultimately to her current position at Hunter Health.

Daisy has a personal connection to Hunter Health, dating back to her childhood when she accompanied a family member to their appointments.

"I remember the old building, I remember the staff, how nice they used to be," she recalls.

"It's kind of a full-circle moment, working here, providing those services and just seeing how much it's expanded from that little building on Central to now other satellites as well."

Daisy's work as an Integrated Care Consultant allows her to make a meaningful impact on the lives of patients.

"Often patients come in for medical issues such as pain or headaches, but we ask mental health-specific questions that may lead to them opening up about their struggles," she explains. "I'm able to listen to them and provide the necessary resources for each case."

In FY22 Integrated Care served 4,414 unique patients. That means nearly 30% of our patients received quality behavioral health services.



Daisy Gonzalez Soto
Integrated Care Consultant

Daisy's passion for helping people and her commitment to addressing the gaps in our society make her an invaluable member of the Hunter Health team.

"I'm grateful to work for an organization that truly cares for the people we serve," she says. "Hunter Health is more than just a health clinic, it's a place that provides hope and a future to those who have been marginalized and overlooked."

Important notice about Medicaid Unwinding

Kansas is reviewing Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility for some patients. If a patient is disenrolled from these programs, they may still qualify for financial assistance to buy a health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Patients should make sure their contact information is up to date with the state and check their mail for a letter about their Medicaid or CHIP coverage. The letter will let them know if they need to fill out a renewal form to see if they still qualify. If they don't, they can find affordable and comprehensive Marketplace plans at [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) by providing current information about their household and income.

Have Medicaid or CHIP?

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE, OR VISIT: [MEDICAID.GOV/RENEWALS](https://www.MEDICAID.GOV/RENEWALS)

Introducing Our Health Awareness Campaigns

Hunter Health has recently launched two health awareness campaigns to promote the importance of vaccinations and HIV testing for the community's overall wellbeing. To maximize the impact of these campaigns, we are using a multi-channel approach that includes TV and radio spots, billboard advertisements in high-traffic areas in Wichita, and social media outreach.

Our vaccination campaign focuses on educating both children and adults about the importance of vaccines, while our HIV campaign aims to increase awareness about HIV testing and prevention. To encourage people to take charge of their health, we will place print and digital signs in various locations throughout Wichita, promoting HIV testing.

We are proud to play an active role in promoting the health and wellness of our community. We hope that these campaigns inspire more people to prioritize their health and wellbeing.



Out in the community

At Hunter Health, we believe that community engagement is key to promoting public health. That's why we're proud to have recently partnered with several organizations to host a Healthy Relationships for Teens workshop, which offered resources and education for both teens and parents on healthy relationships and safe online behavior.

Additionally, we participated in a community workshop on vaccines and community health where our team lead nurse, Jon Vogt spoke about the importance of staying up-to-date on vaccines.

We're also excited to share that Rachel Mayberry, Chief Advancement Officer, met with Governor Laura Kelly at the 2023 Kansas Day Celebration. We're in



grateful for the opportunity to participate such events and look forward to continuing to serve our community in meaningful ways.

In the last few days, we took part in the annual Native American Community Resource Fair where we'll be providing COVID-19 booster shots, HIV tests, and at-home COVID-19 test kits. We also will host a vaccine clinic on March 25th at the Evergreen Recreation Center to help protect our community from preventable illnesses.

We're grateful for these opportunities to serve our community and look forward to continuing our efforts to promote public health.