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If there were two words that could sum up the year of 2022 for Rural Health, Inc. (RHI) they would have to be milestones and achievements. A year ago this month, our organization began providing screenings and treatments for Hepatitis C. The program is offered across all five RHI clinics and administered by our team of 16 HCV certified healthcare providers. Screening and treatment options are covered by most insurance carriers.

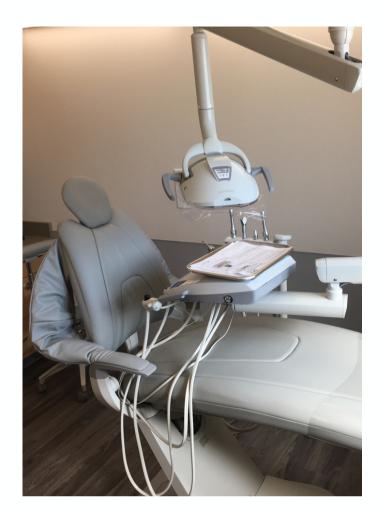


This past April, our Medication
Assisted Treatment (MAT) program
celebrated five years. Our program
aids in sustaining opioid addiction
and is used to reduce and avert opioid
overdoses. The battle against opioid
addiction is far from over in our
communities, but like mentioned
before, our organization will stay on
the frontline of the opioid crisis for as
many years as it takes to reach a
better, brighter tomorrow.

On September 13, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. William Ribbing, received the Rural Physician Lifetime Service Award. The award, is designed as a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for physicians who have dedicated their entire career to rural practice, surpassing the call of duty to better the lives of residents throughout their communities. An award ceremony took place at the main clinic in Anna. Dr. Ribbing was joined by our organization's administration, board, colleagues, and close family.



In late August/early September, RHI opened the doors to the brand new Goreville clinic. The clinic continues to provide medical and behavioral health services, and now also features a dental department made up of state of the art equipment and a dedicated, knowledgeable team of medical professionals. In the future, this clinic will be expanding with the offering of OB/GYN and other specialty services. RHI is beyond proud of the new facility and looks to the future of Johnson County healthcare with great ardor.





Fall/Winter Events Recap

With Fall and Winter come numerous opportunities for fun across our organization. October had its fair share of events. Starting off in Anna, RHI once again took part in the city's annual Pumpkintown. This year's theme was "Haunted Nickelodeon". Our display reflected the 1990's hit



Nickelodeon show, "Are You Afraid of The Dark"? Later on the 26th, our Anna clinic hosted a new event called "Night of the Living Health Fair". The event featured health resources, trunk-or-treats, and prizes from eleven area health agencies. There was even appearances from the Anna City Fire Department and Air Evac Base #35 Marion for the families in attendance.







RHI also helped to spread some holiday cheer across our communities this year! The Metropolis crew took part in the annual Christmas parade on December 3. As Christmas approached, our organization gave back with our Holiday Drive-Thru Celebration that took place December 13-15. Assortments of non-perishable food and gift cards to Kroger were purchased, assembled, and divided up amongst our five clinics. While supplies lasted, patients and the public were invited to come out and pick up a meal package and a health bag containing various supplies and information. We always look forward to any chance we get to invest back into our local communities!



New team members, same team mission

Over the past few months, our organization welcomed some new faces. Help us welcome them!

Alyssa Essex
Christie Poe
Ashley Holshouser
Martina Sherwood
Alyssa Reynolds
Dr. Raymond Otte
Jill King
Lorrean Partain
Jordan Lence
Julie Tripp
Libby Smith



In conclusion...

Our organization is thankful for another year of successes. We look to make this one another full of grand attainments and surprises. But more importantly, our greatest goal and objective for 2023 is provide the services you and your loved ones rely on day in and day out. Your personal/medical achievements are and will always be our greatest accomplishments. Here's to a happy and prosperous new year. Thanks for reading!





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