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**Community Action Health Center Celebrates National Health Center Week 2018**  
National Campaign Celebrates Health Care Heroes

Community Action Health Center (CAHC) will hold two events to celebrate **National Health Center Week 2018** AND to celebrate **CAHC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** as a community health center. Both events are part of a national campaign during the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>h</sup> to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's Health Centers and the dedicated staff who bring health care to the medically underserved.

- **Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the CAHC Clinic (975 Crescent Drive)** **Congressman Adrian Smith** will speak to the CAHC staff about the importance of community health centers at the Federal, State and Local level. "We are very happy to have Congressman Smith back at the CAHC Clinic during National Health Center Week" said Jeff Tracy, CAHC, Chief Operating Officer. "Congressman Smith has, for many years, been a vocal and consistent advocate for community health centers at both the federal and state level. He understands the important role community health centers play across the country in providing medical, dental and behavioral health services to individuals across the economic spectrum." Tracy continued.
- **Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7pm at the CAHC Clinic (975 Crescent Drive)** CAHC will hold a "**Community Open House**" - "We are inviting community members, elected officials, as well as current and former staff to join us in celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Health Center.", said Margo Hartman, CAHC Chief Executive Officer. "We are very proud of the services we have provided our community members over the past 25 years. We have great staff, a great facility and our health center has grown since its inception 25 years ago. We will have activities for children, a drawing for **five free** school physicals

and will be conducting tours of the health center clinic for those who have not yet had a chance to be in the clinic.” Hartman continued.

CAHC is part of a nationwide network of health centers that serve more than 27 million Americans. Health centers nationally have compiled a significant record of success that includes:

- Producing \$24 billion in annual health system savings;
- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary visits to the emergency room;
- Treating patients for a fraction of the average cost of one emergency room visit;
- Serving more than one in six Medicaid beneficiaries for less than two percent of the national Medicaid budget;
- Lowering the cost of children’s primary care by approximately 35 percent

The heroes who work at health centers and help make affordable health care possible for people in need are at the center of this year’s NHCW. More than 205,000 people work at health centers in positions that include clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, dentists and dental hygienists, behavioral health specialists, and much more. Working together, these health care heroes produce innovative solutions to the most pressing health care issues in their communities. They reach beyond the walls of conventional medicine to address the factors that may cause sickness, such as lack of nutrition, mental illness, homelessness and substance use disorders. It is their work that has helped reduce health care costs and reduce chronic disease, generating a record of success and along with it a long tradition of bipartisan support in Congress.

To learn more about National Health Center Week and the listing of events please visit: [www.healthcenterweek.org](http://www.healthcenterweek.org).

You can also follow the conversation using #NHCW18 on Twitter.