



HEALTHY BITS

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CHI leaders celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new state-of-the-art mobile medical van.

New Mobile Medical Van Designated to Bring Better Access to Healthcare

Accompanied by community leaders, Community Health of South Florida, Inc. (CHI) leaders celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new mobile medical van. The goal is to continue to drive community health forward by providing greater access to care in the South Florida community.

The state-of-the-art van is helping CHI provide greater access on wheels with primary care, pediatrics, and behavioral health services. The 40-foot mobile van goes to four of CHI's nearby public housing centers and local homeless camps.

"We have always gone above and beyond to reach everyone and fulfill the great Doris Ison's vision for equality in care," said Brodes H. Hartley Jr., CEO of CHI. "We are excited to expand the services we provide to our community beyond the walls of our health centers."

Thanks to support from Direct Relief and the Health

Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), CHI is now able to serve those who need it the most.

"In just the first few weeks of service, the mobile medical van has reached people who have not been to the doctor in years," said Eunice Hines, Director for Migrant and Outreach Services. "Some were diagnosed and treated for chronic illnesses."

The new mobile medical van complements the mobile dental trailer that CHI previously rolled out in 2017. The mobile dental trailer allows dental teams to do cleanings and other basic preventative services, along with restoration and minor oral surgeries. It also has digital x-rays, the latest dental equipment, Wi-Fi, and an education TV system.

"As we move forward in 2020, we continue to advocate for excellence in care," said Hines. "I am proud to say that CHI is closing a gap by ensuring that

everyone, regardless of race or income, has access to high-quality, compassionate health care."

CHI continues to grow its services and programs to meet the increased needs of the community.

To watch the ribbon-cutting ceremony, visit CHI's Facebook page for the full livestream.

Call (305) 252-4820 to make an appointment with the mobile medical van at the following locations.

Mondays: Perrine Gardens, 10161 Circle Plaza

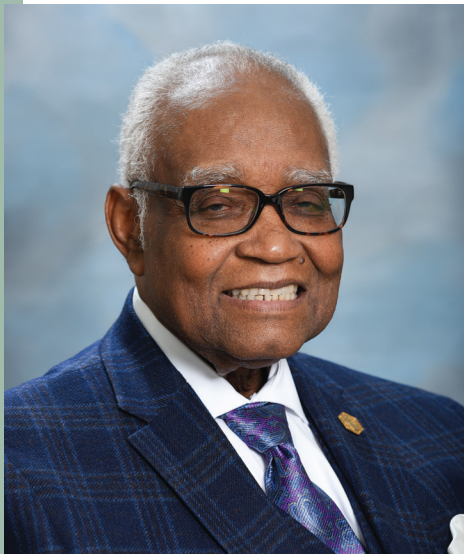
Tuesdays: Arthur Mays Villas, 11341 SW 216th Street

Wednesdays: Pine Island, 26862 SW 127th Avenue

Thursdays: Homestead Gardens, 1562 SW 4th Street

Fridays: Homeless Encampments

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Brodes H. Hartley Jr. - CHI CEO

As we head into the holiday season, I encourage you to find ways to be grateful. Despite our trying times, there are glimmers of hope and rays of sunshine all

around us. One such glimmer of hope is the Children's Crisis Center that we are building for kids with severe behavioral health issues.

'Tis' the season to give, and we hope you will find it in your hearts to give to the Children's Crisis Center. As we continue the construction of this 11,400-square-foot facility on our main campus, we are giving hope to the hundreds of children in crisis who arrive here every year with nowhere to turn. This facility will be like an intensive care unit for kids with severe mental health issues. Please do your part and support this project by donating at chisouthfl.org/give.

We are also excited to launch our Bricks for Hope campaign. These bricks will pave the entrance of our Children's Crisis Center. The multitude of names all around will provide a sense of support to every child entering the building. They will know that they are not alone during their crisis. You can permanently leave your name at the entrance for just \$250 to \$400, depending on the size of the brick you desire. It can also serve


as a nice gift for a friend, colleague, or loved one this holiday season. To buy a brick, call (786) 293-5504.

I'm proud to share with you that CHI was recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. The award recognition ranked CHI among the top 10 percent of health centers nationwide for best overall clinical performance. I want to thank our care team for their tremendous work.

I would also like to remind you that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I want to encourage women to get a mammogram. Our Doris Ison Health Center has a state-of-the-art radiology and women's center, so you can see your provider and have your mammogram all in the same place. As your medical home, we take great pride in providing quality convenient health care.

Yours Truly,

Brodes H. Hartley, Jr.



PLEASE MAKE THIS STOP.
I GIVE UP. I AM WORTHLESS
AND HELPLESS.

Please help. Don't let her give up.

Children with severe psychological issues need safe and compassionate care. That's why we are building the first comprehensive Children's Crisis Center in southern Miami-Dade County. Your gift will go a long way.

Please help us build the **Children's Crisis Center**. Visit chisouthfl.org/give or call (305) 252-4853.



BLAKE HALL

Promoted to President of CHI

Community Health of South Florida, Inc. (CHI) is excited to announce the promotion of Blake Hall as its new president. He has been with the non-profit healthcare company for 15 years and has excelled at securing opportunity, growth, and quality care improvements.

Hall is promoted after serving as the federally qualified health center's Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President. Previously, he served as the Director of Planning and Development and Administrator for the CHI Foundation. Over the years, Hall has helped the organization grow from a \$30-million-dollar agency to now a more than \$75-million-dollar company by securing multiple funding sources. Those funds allowed for the opening of five new health centers, effect multiple capital improvement projects, and formed the basis for the Brodes H. Hartley, Jr. Teaching Health Center at CHI. The Teaching Health Center was the first in the state of Florida funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Hall has also led strategic planning for the organization since 2008.

"Blake has demonstrated a strong ability to lead and inspire others," said Brodes H. Hartley, Jr., CEO. "His vision

and dedication to our mission has helped create new programs, guide and improve existing services, and propel the organization forward. I am confident that under his leadership, CHI will continue on its journey to excellence."

Hall has been a big advocate for community health centers. As such, he has spoken at House and Senate committee meetings and regularly meets with legislators.

Hall has received a number of awards and recognitions over the years, including Legacy Magazine's Top Black Healthcare Professional in 2016, 40 Under 40 Leaders of Today and Tomorrow, multiple CEO awards, and the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) Betsey K. Cooke Grassroots MVP Award. Under his leadership, the organization won the Florida Governor's Sterling Award in 2016 and the NACHC Advocacy Center of Excellence recognition.

Currently, he serves as the 2nd Vice Chair of the National Association of Community Health Centers Membership Committee. He is active in the community and has participated in multiple chambers and organizations. He is a current member of the Iota Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.



Blake Hall - CHI President

Hall graduated from the intensive Health Care Executive Program at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) funded by HRSA and Johnson & Johnson. He has completed leadership training from Nova Southeastern University, attended Leadership Miami and received advanced public information officer training from FEMA. His formal education includes a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Clark Atlanta University and an undergraduate degree in communication from Georgia Southern University.

Prior to joining CHI, Hall worked for Eagle Group International, a logistics, health care, and training firm, in the United Arab Emirates and for the US Army Reserve.

CHI Offers Diabetes Drive-Through Screening for the South Florida Community

"Diabetes Drive-Through" sounds like a nickname for fast-food sweets, but at Community Health of South Florida, Inc. (CHI), it is an innovative blood sugar screening program. Patients drive up to the station at one of CHI's health centers and get their A1C test, blood pressure, a foot exam, and their test results. Diabetics need regular monitoring, but many didn't feel comfortable coming into the health center during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. This ensured that those patients with a chronic condition still received the necessary help and guidance.

The A1C test is a common blood test used to diagnose

type 1 and type 2 diabetes. It also monitors how well they are managing their diabetes.

"I am extremely satisfied with the service I received during my appointment," said Rosa Garcia, CHI patient. "The nurse that helped me through the process did not hesitate to explain everything to me as we were doing the test."

CHI hosts the drive-through twice a month. The medical team wears full protective equipment and ensures high-quality care for each patient.

"Our physical layout is ideal to follow the necessary precautions during this



The nurse monitors a patient's blood pressure at CHI's Diabetes Drive-Through Screening.

pandemic," said Allison Madden, Assistant Vice President for Performance Improvement. "We are so pleased to see many of our patients returning to our centers, even if it is through our drive-through operations."

CHI Shows Appreciation for Foster Parents



CHI team members prepare gifts for therapeutic foster care parents via a drive-through format.

The 26 families serving as foster parents in Community Health of South Florida, Inc.'s Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care Program are facing tough times. The challenge of caring

for a foster child with severe behavioral health issues can be a daunting task. But with COVID-19, quarantine, and online school, the job has become astronomically more difficult. That is why CHI set out to do something special to recognize those parents for their devotion and love.

"I've been taking care of children for over seven years, and for me, there is no greater satisfaction than to make them feel like they matter," said therapeutic foster mom, Ms. Alina. "It feels great to be recognized for the tireless

effort we make for these amazing children."

Usually, the organization hosts an annual foster care appreciation brunch, but this year, that was not possible. So instead, the drive-through appreciation event helped show foster parents that their work has not gone unnoticed.

Making the decision to become a foster parent is a serious commitment to a child. That's why CHI's team of therapeutic foster parents are truly an example of perseverance and admiration.

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