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**The HealthCare Connection Celebrates National Health Center Week,**  
*Celebrating America's Health Centers: Local Engines for Healthier Communities*

The second week of August, The HealthCare Connection will celebrate National Health Center Week, a campaign recognizing long success of Community Health Centers in providing access to affordable, high quality, cost-effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people locally and throughout the United States. The week culminates with the GE Back-to-School health fair at the Lincoln Heights Health Center. The HealthCare Connection will be offering tours of their various locations throughout the week to educate the public on the services that Community Health Centers provide, and the immense need for those services in neighborhoods where access to care is scarce. The schedule for tours is:

Monday, August 11	Friday, August 15	Saturday, August 16
11am-3pm	11am-3pm	9am-3pm
Forest Park Health Center	Mt. Healthy Family Practice	Lincoln Heights Health Center
924 Waycross Road Forest Park, OH 45240	8146 Hamilton Avenue Mt. Healthy, OH 45231	1401 Steffen Ave Lincoln Heights, OH 45215

“Every day in our waiting rooms I witness the value of having a patient-centered medical home,” said Dolores J. Lindsay, Founder and CEO of The HealthCare Connection. “When people have a place to go for regular care, they use it and stay healthier. We provide a range of services onsite – primary care, pediatrics, pharmacy, dentistry, and more. Our patients not only get the care they need under one roof, but they also are treated as individuals, with dignity and respect. This is what health care should be, and what we celebrate during National Health Center Week.”

One of the bright spots in America's health care system, Community Health Centers have been in existence for over 45 years and have compiled a significant record of success by:

- Treating uninsured and underinsured patients, offering medical care at a reduced cost for those that qualify
- Reducing income and ethnic health disparities nationwide, even in the poorest and most challenged communities
- Producing \$24 billion in annual health system savings
- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary visits to the ER
- Generating a system of preventive medicine that patients use regularly to stay healthy, thus saving lives

Health centers serve more than 22 million people nationwide, and are increasingly becoming the trusted provider of choice for many families, whether they are insured or not. Evidence shows patients choose health centers because they are convenient, affordable, and offer a range of services from a team of caring professionals. Studies also show the quality of care at a health center is as good as or even better than private practices.

To learn more about the mission and accomplishments of Community Health Centers, please visit the website of the National Association of Community Health Centers at [www.nachc.org](http://www.nachc.org).

To find out more about National Health Center Week, visit [www.healthcenterweek.org](http://www.healthcenterweek.org).

#### About The HealthCare Connection

The HealthCare Connection provides a medical home to the underserved and the uninsured in 23 northern Hamilton County neighborhoods, including Lincoln Heights, Mt. Healthy and Forest Park, and at four behavioral health co-locations in College Hill, Corryville, Walnut Hills and Western Hills. It was founded in 1967 as Ohio's first federally qualified health center. For more information, please visit [www.healthcare-connection.org](http://www.healthcare-connection.org) or call 513-483-3081. Like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/hcconnection>, and follow us on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/hcconnection>.

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