

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 13, 2016

Chestnut Family Health Center in Madison County Celebrates Anniversary

Last week, December 7, 2016 marked the first anniversary for Chestnut Family Health Center in Granite City, Illinois. Serving the Madison County Community. Since opening, staff at the health center has safely and compassionately provided services to 1,712 patients.

"Our focus is to provide quality, affordable services to uninsured or underinsured, lower income Madison County residents. We knew there was need and anticipated our services would be well received. We did not anticipate that in our first year we would serve 11.6% more patients then projected" said CFHC Executive Director, Dietra Kulicke. "

Chestnut Family Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center and receives grant funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). In 2016 CFHC was recognized by HHS as a "Health Center Quality Leader", an "Access Enhancer", "Clinical Quality Improver", and a "Health Equity Advancer" for providing the highest quality care even as we led in expanding services to an ever-increasing number of patients. Chestnut also achieved Ambulatory Care Accreditation and Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) certification through the Joint Commission.

Services available at the health center include a continuum of primary care services that includes preventive care for acute conditions like ear aches and sore throats and management of chronic diseases like diabetes and hypertension. Additional services include integrated behavioral health and psychiatry services for patients of the health center, laboratory services and on-site pharmacy.

Medical services are supervised by **Chestnut Health Systems' Medical Director**, **Dr. Victoria Brockhouse** who states.

"As a provider of patient-centered integrated health services, Chestnut's focus is to provide quality, safe and effective services that address the physical, social and mental health needs of our patients with the patient an integral part of the multidisciplinary treatment team.

The health center is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Thursdays from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm and is located at 50 Northgate Industrial Drive in Granite City.

50 Northgate Industrial Drive Granite City, Illinois 62040

Phone: (618) 512-1919 Fax: (618) 512-1920

Services are available by appointment.

Madison County residents can call (618) 512-1919.

"We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from local collaborators in the medical community. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of the community members we serve," said Kulicke.

Medical Director - Dr. Victoria Brockhouse







ABOUT CHESTNUT HEALTH SYSTEMS

Chestnut Health Systems has offered a broad array of behavioral health care services to residents in Central and Southern Illinois for four decades. Known throughout the state as one of the leading providers of substance abuse treatment and prevention, mental health counseling and housing, credit counseling, substance abuse-related research, training, and publications and employee assistance and workplace assistance, Chestnut's team of caring professionals now numbers over 700 full- and part-time staff.

This health center is a Health Center Program grantee under 42 U.S.C. 254b, and a deemed Public Health Service employee under 42 U.S.C. 233(g)-(n).

For More Information Please Contact –
Jim Wallis, Corporate Director of Business Development and Public Affairs
(618) 975-0188 jwallis@chestnut.org

50 Northgate Industrial Drive Granite City, Illinois 62040

Phone: (618) 512-1919 Fax: (618) 512-1920