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Health Care District Participates in Community Back-to-School Events across Palm Beach County

From Pahokee to Delray Beach, Health Care District staff fanned the county this summer volunteering at community events to help students get ready and stay healthy for school. Medical staff from Lakeside Medical Center, the District's acute



care teaching hospital in Belle Glade along with staff from the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics provided physical and dental exams, while the District's school nurses and technicians performed physicals, vision exams and offered vouchers for free eyeglasses.

“As students prepare to start school, our clinics’ providers volunteered to meet their health needs by bringing health services to them and their families,” Belma Andrić, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer and Vice President and Executive Director of Clinic Services, said. “Our outreach for the back to school season aligns with the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics’ mission -- to provide compassionate, comprehensive health services to all Palm Beach County residents, through collaboration and partnerships, in a culturally sensitive environment.”



District volunteers also distributed hundreds of backpacks and school supplies to families at the various events in Jupiter, Delray Beach, Lake Worth and West Palm Beach.

“To see such widespread commitment among our staff to expanding access to health care for students makes me extremely proud to be part of this organization that serves as the county’s health care safety net,” Karen A. Harris, Vice President of Field Operations, said. “We all want to^{TOP} see our students succeed academically, and making sure our students

are healthy and well-equipped for the upcoming school year helps achieve that goal.”

At the R.I.S.E to the Occasion Back to School Bash at Manatee Lagoon in Riviera Beach, the Health Care District’s school nurses and health technicians completed physical exams, performed eye exams and offers vouchers for free eyeglasses.



Also in Riviera Beach, Lakeside Medical Center physicians and Family Medical Residents volunteered at the T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society’s event at the Boys and Girls Club where they provided school physicals. Lakeside Medical Center and

C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinic staff volunteered at the West Technical Education Center back-to-school event in Belle Glade, offering information about health coverage and distributing over 300 back packs^{STOP} with school supplies.



At the 6th annual Boost Mobile event in Belle Glade, medical residents from Lakeside Medical Center staffed a first aid station and hospital staff distributed backpacks. For the Pahokee Back to School Bash, Janet Moreland, APRN, MSN, LHRM, Hospital Administrator, donated supplies for children attending the Pahokee Back to School Bash in partnership with Michael Pinkney, Director of the City of Pahokee Parks and Recreation.

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“This is just one of many ways we will demonstrate our commitment to the Glades communities we serve,” Moreland said. “We look forward to growing partnerships and being an integral part of the Glades.”



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