

Giving Back and Celebrating National Health Center Week

The diverse needs of any community can be met with empathy and pride while answering the challenge it may face. Project H.O.P.E. in Camden NJ led on the forefront of pride and empathy by participating in National Health Center Week last month.

This year's health center week kicked off on August 8 and Project H.O.P.E. celebrated with an event at Camden's Walter Rand Transportation Center. Staff there handed out more than 100 drawstring backpacks filled with essentials, such as:

- Toiletries
- Personal protection equipment
- Socks
- Reusable water bottles
- And more

Project H.O.P.E stands committed to providing these essentials to its community. The center also partnered with other social services agencies and insurance companies to furnish vital information pertaining to:

- Enrolling in Medicaid and/or Medicare
- In-patient and out-patient rehabilitation services for substance abuse treatment
- Temporary housing assistance resource

Project HOPE partnered with Aetna, AmeriGroup, NJ Transit, and Solstice Cares—to just name a few. All of the medical and behavioral health services offered by Project H.O.P.E. were outlined on informational postcards distributed to the surrounding canvassed areas. We also extended walk-up access to COVID vaccinations at the health center.

National Health Center week wrapped up with an Oscars-themed extravaganza in honor and recognition of the efforts of the staff and providers. The event was a fun-filled evening highlighting Oscars-inspired awards given to well-deserving individuals in the following categories: Exceptional Listener Award, Mission Impossible Award, People's Choice Award and the Master Motivator Award are only a few of the categories.

The Oscar themed event continued through the night with the high point being The People's Choice Award. The staff member that best exemplifies the overall mission of Project HOPE was Medical Assistant, Kama Jean-Juste was the recipient of the award.

Project HOPE will continue to operate in that spirit of empathy and pride by providing the crucial resources needed to aid in the wellbeing of its community.