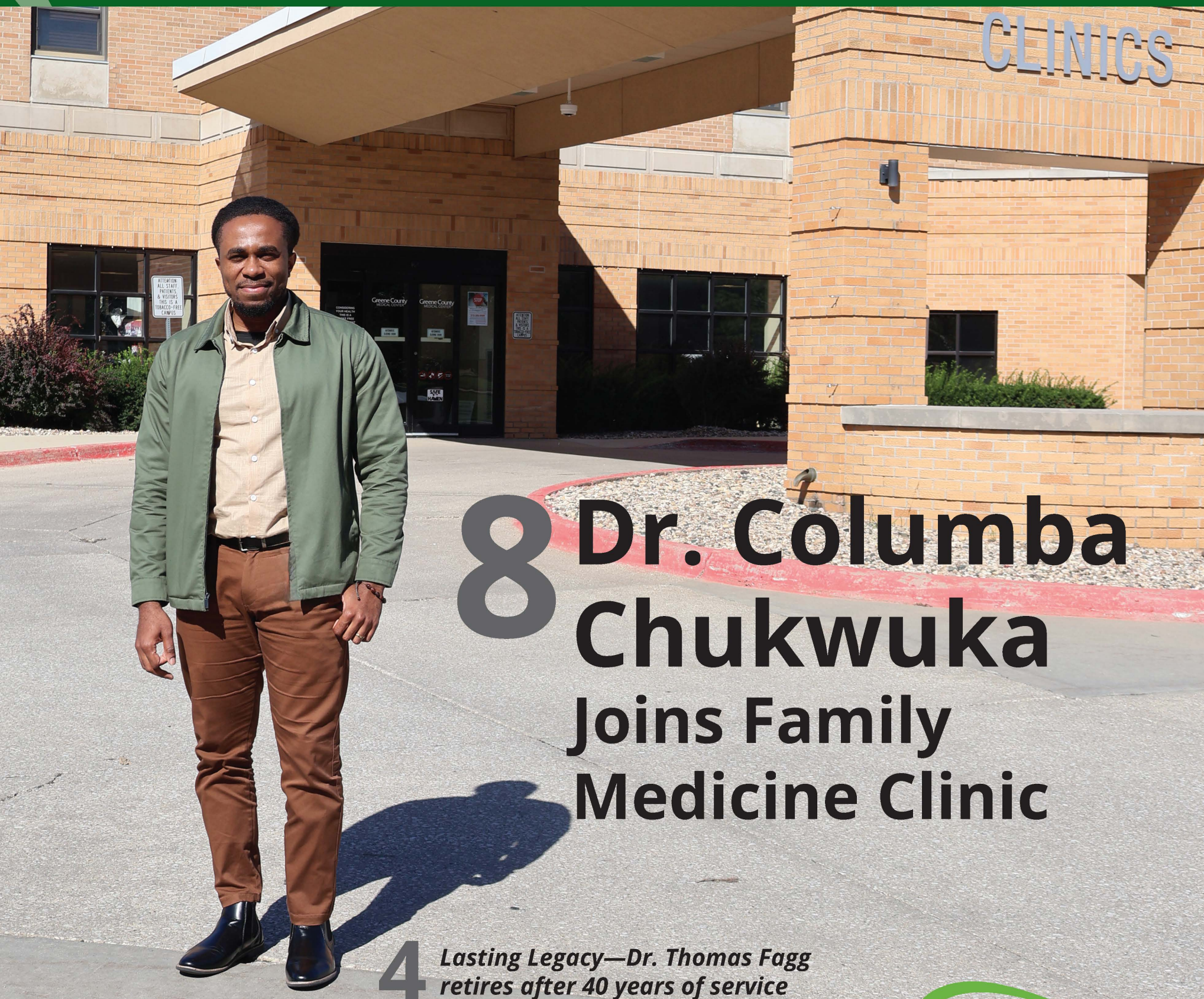
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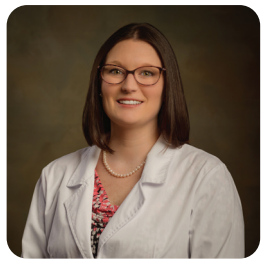
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Seasons of Change and Giving

A message from our CEO

There has been a steady rhythm of change at Greene County Medical Center over the past several months, and each change has a purpose. We are adding services, welcoming new members to our Team and continuing to make thoughtful investments in the care we provide.

Soon, we will be expanding our MRI services to include breast imaging with urological soon to follow. This adds another important capability for our patients and providers.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Columba Chukwuka to our medical staff and Michael DeFoe as our new Chief Financial Officer. Both bring experience and perspectives that will serve our organization and our patients well.

We have also had the opportunity to recognize someone who has been an important part of Greene County Medical Center for nearly 40 years. Dr. Thomas Fagg retired after a career spent caring for patients and our communities. He has become part of the lives of countless families and we are grateful for all he has given.

As fall turns to winter, our attention naturally turns toward family, friends and giving. At Greene County Medical Center, we are reminded every day how much community support matters.

If you are considering a year-end gift, I hope you will think of the Greene County Medical Center Foundation. Community giving helps us continue to invest in new services, technology and the people and programs we rely on to provide care. Those investments make a difference today and in helping ensure we are *Always Here, Always Caring* for the next 5, 10, 15, 25 years and more.

I want to thank you for the confidence and trust you place in our Team and in our vision for the future. We never take that trust for granted. It is what keeps us focused on doing our best for the people and communities we serve.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful autumn and a holiday season of peace.

Chad Butterfield
Chief Executive Officer

Policy Meets Practice: A Look at Rural Healthcare

CEO Chad Butterfield led Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley on a tour through Greene County Medical Center, highlighting both its long history and continued investments into the future of health care.

The visit showcased how the medical center continues to adapt existing spaces and services to meet changing needs, including oncology, wound care, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation and more.

A roundtable discussion brought local healthcare leaders and providers together to talk about challenges facing rural healthcare. From workforce shortages and physician recruitment to Medicaid changes, insurance pre-authorizations and the movement of healthcare services toward larger communities.

Grassley's visit was part of his annual tour of all 99 Iowa counties.



Putting Patient Safety First

Megan Hawkins, PharmD, and Abby Skoglund, RN, were recognized recently at the Compass Healthcare Collaborative 2026 Patient Safety Conference for their project, "Mar Barcode Compliance: When 100% Isn't Good Enough." Their work focused on improving barcode scanning of patients and medications, a critical step in ensuring the right medication reaches the right patient.

By listening to nurses, identifying barriers and finding solutions, the Team reduced missed patient scans from 97 to just 2 and missed medication scans from 147 to 6. Their project earned a Patient Safety Award, trophy and $500 to support future safety initiatives.



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Friends, colleagues and family gathered to wish Dr. Thomas Fagg well on his retirement at the end of July. He and Greene County Medical Center CEO, Chad Butterfield (right), share fond memories at this special reception.

A Lasting Legacy

For nearly 40 years, Dr. Thomas Fagg has been part of some of life's biggest moments. From delivering babies, caring for the critically ill, clinic visits, hospital and emergency room shifts, long-term care, obstetrics and late-night calls, he served our communities with compassion and grace until his retirement in July.

After earning his Doctorate of Osteopathy from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences and completing his family medicine residency at Broadlawns Medical Center, both in Des Moines, Fagg chose Greene County over larger communities and bigger paychecks. "I wanted to help people" Fagg said of choosing medicine. "I have never regretted going in this direction."

Throughout his career, he focused on building lasting relationships and it is the patients and his Team Members he will miss most. He was proud of helping patients make small changes with long-term benefits; like quitting smoking, losing weight and exercising. "Those things don't show up dramatically. But they do make a huge difference for people in the long run," he said.

CEO, Chad Butterfield, said Fagg's impact extended beyond the patients he treated. Medicine is about relationships, and Dr. Fagg understands that well," Butterfield said. "He earned trust the old-fashioned way, by showing up, listening and being there when people needed him most."

In retirement, Fagg looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Rochelle, and their grandchildren, as well as returning to biking. "The day after I retire, I am going to get on my bike and just ride for an hour or two," he said.

Though Fagg has said his farewells at Greene County Medical Center, His legacy lives on in the generations of patients he cared for and the relationships he built throughout nearly four decades of service.

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"I was born in this hospital. I've lived here all my life." For Todd Van Horn, Greene County Medical Center has been a part of his story from the beginning. A lifelong Jefferson resident and retired farmer, Todd has relied on the medical center for decades through routine care, serious illness, injuries and everything in between.

In 2021, while in the middle of harvest, Todd developed a serious case of COVID pneumonia and struggled to breathe. He went to the clinic and was quickly admitted to the hospital. "They didn't let me leave. A wheelchair was brought in, I was covered with a blanket, and they wheeled me up to a room," Todd said. "I was there for 10 or 11 days."

The care he received made a lasting impression. "The care was excellent. The food was excellent. I had no complaints." After recovering, Todd even called a Greene County Medical Center Board of Trustees member. "I just wanted to let them know what great care I got while in the hospital," he iterated.

That trust carried into Todd's most recent health concern. Persistent heart palpitations and a calcium score of over 500 prompted further evaluation by his primary care provider, Alec Antanaitis, a nurse practitioner in the Family Medicine Clinic.

Alec ordered additional testing, including a heart monitor, and continued looking at the bigger picture. He connected Todd with a cardiology specialist for further evaluation and a second opinion. An angiogram revealed a 70 percent blockage in one of Todd's coronary arteries. A stent was placed, restoring blood flow and helping protect his heart health.

"He was more intuitive about how I felt and my health," Todd said of Alec. "He seemed to be more interested in me than in just trying to get me through."

Todd appreciated Alec's determination to find answers, even when that meant seeking help from a specialist. "I have never been to anyone like him. He is a provider committed to finding answers and if he can't find it himself, he will find someone to help him."

After more than six decades of receiving care at Greene County Medical Center, Todd said Alec's dedication stands out. "I have never received anything but the greatest care here. But, as far as this man is concerned, Alec is definitely the best provider I have ever had."

Today, Todd is enjoying his retirement after more than 40 years of farming. He stays active by riding his recumbent bike eight or nine miles a day and spending time in his shop. He credits Alec and Greene County Medical Center with helping him continue to enjoy the things he loves.

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Supporting the Next Generation of Healthcare Leaders

Nine local students are one step closer to careers in healthcare, thanks to $7,500 in scholarships from the Greene County Medical Center Foundation and Auxiliary.

This year's scholarships support students pursuing nursing, human services, biology and psychology degrees. Six students received $1,000 scholarships while three received $500 awards.

The 2026 recipients are Breanna Ades, Riley Carlson, Addison Gannon, Brookelynne Peterson, Maya Telleen, Graci Cooklin, Naphtali Hoyt, Leah McCormick and Bailey Biggart.

Ades, Carlson, Gannon, Peterson and Telleen will pursue nursing degrees through programs at Iowa Central Community College, the University of Iowa or Kirkwood Community College. Cooklin will continue her nursing education at Des Moines Area Community College. Hoyt plans to study human services at Iowa Central. McCormic will pursue a biology degree from Iowa State University, while Biggart will study psychology and human services at Purdue Global.

The Foundation and Auxiliary received 13 scholarship applications this year, demonstrating continued interest among local students in healthcare careers.

"We are proud to support students who are choosing careers dedicated to caring for others," said Foundation Director, Nancy Houska. "These scholarships represent an investment not only in the students themselves, but in the future of healthcare in our rural communities."

Congratulations to all nine recipients as they take the next step in their careers.

New CFO Looks Beyond the Numbers



Michael DeFoe joined Greene County Medical Center in late September as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), bringing more than 25 years of rural health care financial leadership experience.

At Thayer County Health Services in Hebron, Nebraska, DeFoe helped increase revenue, raise the organization's net position and eliminate long-term debt. His experience spans critical access hospitals in Nebraska, Illinois and North Dakota.

"We can talk numbers all we want, but we have to know why those particular numbers and what they are driven by," DeFoe said. "Data only gets us so far, but having all the information that drives that data, now that's the benefit."

CEO, Chad Butterfield, said DeFoe's rural health experience and collaborative approach will help guide the medical center toward a strong, sustainable future. "Mike understands rural healthcare and the importance of making thoughtful decisions today that support our ability to serve our communities tomorrow," he said.

DeFoe emphasizes collaboration when facing challenges. "I am a firm believer that the best answer is in the room," he said. He added when you bring the right people together, the solution likely will come to light.

A North Dakota native, DeFoe holds a Bachelor of Accounting from Cameron University and an MBA in Healthcare Administration from the University of Mary. A U.S. Army veteran, he and his wife have three children and two granddaughters.

As he settles into his new role, DeFoe plans to focus on building relationships with the Team. "I am looking forward to meeting everybody and going beyond the professional side and getting to know them personally as well."

Oncology Services

At Greene County Medical Center, we are dedicated to providing exceptional care and support to individuals facing oncology-related challenges. **Dr. Joseph Merchant** sees patients at Greene County Medical Center two Wednesdays per month.

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How a Simple Calcium Score Test Saved My Life



Bill and Martha Monroe have lived in Jefferson over 30 years, and Bill always considered himself to be in good health. “At least that’s what I thought,” he said. Bill, a retired pharmacist, spent his career in healthcare, but never knew the importance of calcium score testing until it was nearly too late.

During a routine check-up with his provider, Dr. Fagg, at the Family Medicine Clinic, Bill learned about the non-invasive test which measures calcium buildup in coronary arteries. Despite having no chest pain or shortness of breath, Bill decided to have the test.

“And I must have studied hard because I had a score of 901,” he said. The higher the score, the more plaque buildup and risk of heart disease. Although Bill felt fine, the results prompted follow-up testing, including a nuclear stress test and EKG. Neither raised alarms, but an angiogram was ordered for a closer look.

“They couldn’t even put a stent in,” he said. “I was so blocked up that I was sent to see a cardiac surgeon.”

Bill was able to complete a CT scan, echocardiogram and pulmonary function test at the medical center before undergoing surgery.

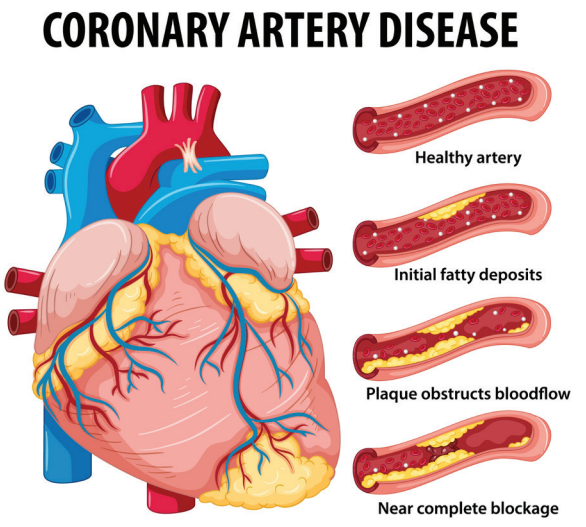
“They came out and told my wife after surgery they had done a quintuple (five) bypass and an aortic valve replacement,” Bill explained. “I had 100% blockage in one artery, 95% in another and several more in the 70-85% range. Doctors were stunned I had not experienced any debilitating symptoms.” The calcium score test revealed a potentially fatal problem before he experienced a major cardiac event.

Bill said the care he received, especially at Greene County Medical Center, was outstanding. “Without them, I honestly don’t know where I would be today. Not only did they facilitate the calcium score test, but they also ordered follow-up services right here in Jefferson, saving me countless trips out of town,” he said. “This was incredibly convenient and made my recovery that much smoother since I could even complete my cardiac rehab right here.”

Bill is now sharing his experience with others, including two older brothers who discovered extremely high scores and are getting the care they need.

Just a few months after surgery and cardiac rehab, Bill was back to traveling and visiting the Jefferson Community Center. He hopes others will take care of their health before symptoms appear.

“I am telling everyone I know, especially those over 55 or 60, to consider this simple test. It’s a gamechanger,” Bill said. For the cost of a nice dinner, for only $89, you could save your life.”



For more information about the Calcium Score Test, please scan QR code or go to gcmchealth.com

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A gift of grain is the best way to support the health and wellness of your community while also realizing considerable tax benefits for your farming operation. Simply tell your local elevator you want to make a gift of grain to the Greene County Medical Center Foundation.

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Celebrating Those Who Make a Difference

Greene County Medical Center celebrated Team Members who make moments matter with the Van Zelderen Excellence, DAISY and Partner of Nursing awards.

Ashley Gustoff was named the 2025 Van Zelderen Excellence Award winner, recognized for the quiet, consistent impact she makes through her work and her commitment to the people around her.

During National Nurses Week, Gretchen Spack, RN, received the 2026 DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. Her nominators highlighted her compassion, knowledge and the personal connections she builds with patients and families.

Elizabeth Tedder with Nutritional Services was honored with the 2026 Partner of Nursing Award. Her role may center on dietary needs, but her impact goes well beyond the kitchen and cafeteria. She takes time to listen, visit with patients and support the nursing Team.

Congratulations Ashley (center), Gretchen (right) and Elizabeth (left), and thank you for showing us what great care looks like.





First the Person. Then the Patient.

Dr. Columba Chukwuka, known to many as Dr. Chiby, has a simple philosophy when it comes to family medicine: get to know the person first.

Chukwuka grew up in Lagos, Nigeria, studied medicine in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, completed clinical rotations in Maryland, Georgia and the Caribbean and finished his residency at Mercy Hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He joined Greene County Medical Center's Family Medicine Clinic in September.

His grandfather was a physician, as are two of his aunts and uncles. As a child, Chukwuka often stayed with his grandfather and watched him care for patients. "I always wanted to wear a white coat," he said.

"Everyone should be treated as special, because they are special," Dr. Chukwuka said. "I like to make sure to connect with the person's story. To connect *with* a person *for* the person."

For Chukwuka, a visit isn't always just about diagnosis or treatment. Sometimes a patient simply needs someone to listen. "Sometimes you might come into the office, and you just want to chat," he said. "I'm here for that too."

Chukwuka and his wife, Sohani, are eager to become part of Greene County communities. He looks forward to events, outreach, mentoring and speaking with local groups. Most of all, he wants to meet the people who live here and become part of our communities.



More Help for Life's Challenges

Mental health care starts with a conversation. Greene County Medical Center's Behavioral Health Clinic is making that conversation more accessible with two new providers, Kristi Clark, MS, LMHC-t, NCC, and Nancy Olson, LMSW.

Clark works with patients of all ages, primarily focusing on children 4 and older. With a master's degree in professional counseling focused on childhood and adolescent disorders, she takes a family-centered approach to building coping skills and managing emotional and behavioral challenges.

"I want to help parents work with them throughout their lives and to continuously use the coping skills we learn in therapy," Clark said.

Her approach includes Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), goal-oriented strategies, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and faith-based counseling for families wishing to incorporate faith into treatment. A native of Eldora, Clark hopes to make specialized support more accessible to rural families.

Olson works with patients 14 and older, addressing concerns such as depression, anxiety, grief and major life transitions. Her decades of experience include work with Veterans Affairs, correctional facilities and outpatient therapy in both urban and rural communities.

Using approaches such as CBT, Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and solution-focused therapy, Olson emphasizes listening and helping patients discover their own path forward.

"My focus is person-centered," Olson said. "I may not have the answers, but I am here to help that person find them. And, oftentimes, the answer has been with the individual all along."

Now living in Rockwell City, Olson understands the challenges of accessing care in rural communities. She recognizes the connection between physical and mental health and aims to create a welcoming space, especially for those seeking mental health support for the first time.

Together, Clark and Olson expand access to behavioral health services for individuals and families across the area.

To schedule an appointment, call the Greene County Medical Center's Behavioral Health Clinic at 515-386-2488.





Hop to It!

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Meet Hopper, the blue frog with an important message: small steps equal big differences in diabetes prevention and management. This November, Greene County Medical Center encourages everyone to take action toward better health.

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Living with diabetes? Greene County Medical Center's Diabetes Management program individualizes patient support. Laura Walker, RN and Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist and Erica Vandenberg, Registered Dietitian, help with lifestyle changes, continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) and blood sugar management.

Show your support by wearing blue throughout November, especially on World Diabetes Day, Saturday, November 14.

Call 515-386-2488 or visit gcmchealth.com and select Diabetes Management under Get Care for more information.

A Little Holiday Magic, With a Lot of Heart

From twinkling trees and festive finds to homemade treats and a special opportunity to honor someone you love, there are many ways to celebrate the holidays while giving back to our communities.

Auxiliary Holiday of Lights

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Last year, you helped bring a new MRI suite to Greene County Medical Center. This fall, let's bring advanced technology right to the patient's room, one hospital bed at a time.

Today's hospital beds have come a long way with technology for greater patient comfort, improved safety and enhanced tools for caregivers. These advancements may seem small, but when you're in the bed or the caregiver at its side, they make a meaningful difference.

"The success of last year's Greene Backer helped make a major investment in local healthcare possible," said Greene County Medical Center Foundation Director, Nancy Houska. "The new MRI suite opened in January, and we continue expanding MRI services."

Your gift for this year's campaign supports the purchase of new hospital beds and continues investments that benefit patients and the caregivers serving them. Every gift matters, whether it's $25, $100 or $1,000. Together, we can make sure we are *Always Here, Always Caring.*

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Saige Pietig, Radiology Tech

The Big Picture Just Keeps Getting Clearer

It hums, chirps and takes some getting used to, but Greene County Medical Center's new MRI is opening a world of possibilities for its Imaging Team and patients.

Since the MRI began operating in January, Radiology Technologists, Saige Pietig and Jessica Heaning have built their skills through expert training with Siemens, a safety course in Las Vegas and hours of practice scans on volunteers, including one 12-hours session.

"We wanted to make sure we were 100 percent comfortable when we put the patients in there," Pietig said.

The Team started with joint and spine imaging before expanding to abdominal studies. Next up is breast MRI. After specialized training in Clive, the technologists are preparing practice scans for radiologist review before the service launches.

"Breast MRIs can provide additional imaging for patients at high risk for breast cancer and can be particularly useful when dense breast tissue makes findings more difficult to see on a mammogram," Pietig explained.

Prostate and female pelvic MRIs are also on the horizon as the Team gains experience.

Pietig, who completed her clinical training at Greene County Medical Center and joined the Team more than three years ago, welcomes the opportunity to grow with technology.

"I also love being in a smaller community hospital so that I am able to do all these different modalities in radiology," Pietig said. "But I am really loving the learning we have been able to do with the new MRI."

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