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CELEBRATING NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK (MAY 9-15, 2021) IN WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON, WV – This week, May 9-15, 2021, is National Hospital Week, which presents an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the many community contributions made by hospitals and hospital-based clinicians, caregivers, and support staff.

“Community hospitals are essential to the people and places they serve, providing round-the-clock care to patients in need no matter the time of day,” said West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA) President and CEO Jim Kaufman. “Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has been an unmistakable public reminder of the vital importance of hospitals as critical providers of compassionate medical treatment. The more than 49,000 frontline health care providers who work in hospitals across West Virginia have demonstrated great resilience in the face of an emerging public health threat while working tirelessly and selflessly to keep West Virginians safe and healthy.”

To help commemorate Hospital Week 2021, the WVHA has created this [30-second snapshot](#) highlighting the immense contributions made by the people who work in the Association’s 59 member hospitals. Collectively, our hospitals provide acute care and specialty medical services, behavioral health, psychiatric and substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation care, pediatric care, and more to meet the needs of patients across West Virginia.

In addition to that important work, West Virginia hospitals help power the state economy, as major employers that contribute roughly \$11.6 billion in positive economic activity each year. Hospitals also conduct research to achieve medical breakthroughs, help deliver more than 18,000 babies each year, and are the largest employers in their communities.

“If we’ve learned anything over the last year, it’s that our team of hospital leaders and volunteers are always prepared to answer the call.” said Kaufman. “West Virginia’s hospitals are dedicated to serving the needs of their communities, even beyond traditional health care. With each health service, screening, education program and each dollar invested to help those in need, hospitals day in and day out work to advance the health of the communities they serve. Financial results can never adequately explain how people’s lives are touched, changed and saved by services hospitals offer for free or significantly below cost.”

Kaufman added, “Over the last year, hospitals have certainly encountered numerous challenges and changes in the delivery of health care, but the hospitals in West Virginia have never lost focus on their shared vision: a strong health care system that optimizes our health status and improves the economic condition of the state.”

Join us in celebrating National Hospital Week, May 9-15, as we say THANK YOU to the health care heroes who make sacrifices to care for us every day.

About WVHA: The West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA) is a not-for-profit statewide organization representing 59 hospitals and health systems across the continuum of care. The WVHA was founded in 1925 to serve as the collective voice of the state’s hospital community. Today, the mission of the WVHA is to support its members in achieving a strong, healthy West Virginia. Members of the Association envision a strong healthcare system that supports optimizing the health status of West Virginians served by hospitals and improving the economic condition of the state. Connect with WVHA through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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