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HCC of Rural Missouri Awarded Neighborhood Tax Credits, Opens Dental Clinic in Waverly

The Live Well Health & Wellness Center of Waverly, owned and operated by Lexington, MO-based Health Care Collaborative (HCC) of Rural Missouri, continues to forge ahead. HCC was recently awarded a Neighborhood Tax Credit Grant, offered at a deductible rate of 70 percent for all cash donations. HCC's Executive Director Toniann Richard said the tax credits will support dental services for children receiving Medicaid at the Live Well Center in Waverly and will also allow for significant site renovation.

"We've had a vision for the clinic since we assumed ownership last June, and expanding dental services to children with Medicaid has been a central part of that vision," Richard said. "We also knew coming into this that the Center, although well maintained, needed some upgrades. The tax credit grant will support both of these goals. At the end of the day, we want our patients to see Live Well in Waverly as their health care home. The tax credit enables our partners, friends and colleagues the opportunity to provide financial support to help us reach our mission and receive a 70 percent tax deduction for the donation. It's a win, win."

The 501 (c) (3) nonprofit develops and implements programs that are responsive to the health needs of county residents. The HCC works collaboratively with several of its network partners including Lafayette Regional Health Center, Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center, Pathways Community Health and the Lafayette County Health Department to serve the low income and underserved.

HCC's network partners are positioning to coordinate direct services for an additional 6,000 patients who will receive primary, dental and mental health care services. This move is aligned with HCC's mission to increase health care access across west central Missouri.

As for the dental clinic, which opens this October, it will provide the following services for children up to 18 years old who receive Medicaid:

- Dental exams
- Cleaning and fluoride treatment
- X-rays
- Fillings
- Tooth cavity repair
- Extractions
- Referrals for teeth and gum surgery

To participate in the Neighborhood Tax Credit, call the HCC at 660.259.2440 or visit HCCNetwork.org. To learn more about the dental clinic or to make an appointment, contact the Live Well Center at 660.493.2262, visit LiveWellCenters.org or follow HCC on Facebook and Twitter for news and updates.

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