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## **Hope Clinic Sets Feb. 8 Grand Opening to Celebrate New Bayboro Home And Ability to Expand Access to Free Health Care in Three ENC Counties**

- *Clinic serves uninsured, underinsured residents of Beaufort, Craven, Pamlico counties*
- *New home replaces county health department space, will begin seeing patients Feb. 13*
- *3,600-s.f. facility will allow clinic to add services and increase number of patients served*

**BAYBORO, N.C. (Jan. 30, 2025)** – Hope Clinic, which provides free health care to low-income uninsured and underinsured residents of Pamlico, Craven and Beaufort counties, is holding a grand opening and open house Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, to celebrate its relocation to a new clinic facility in Bayboro.

The event is open to the public and will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the new location at 13808 N.C. 55. A ribbon-cutting ceremony including the Pamlico Chamber of Commerce will begin at 10:15, according to Yolanda Cristiani, Hope Clinic’s executive director. Light refreshments will be served.

The new quarters give the clinic a home it can call its own after working out of space in the Pamlico County Health Department for the past 25 years. With more space and expanded hours, Hope Clinic will be able to serve more residents in the three-county area who need health care but can’t afford it.

“Hope Clinic is thrilled to welcome the community to celebrate this milestone in public health care with us,” Cristiani said. “The entire community benefits when every individual has access to quality health care regardless of ability to pay and ensuring that access is our goal at Hope Clinic every day.”

Preceding Saturday’s event, Hope Clinic will host representatives from churches in Pamlico and Craven counties on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, for a blessings and affirmations reception to formally dedicate the new facility. The reception is not open to the public.

The clinic will start seeing patients at the new location Feb. 13 and is accepting new patients who are eligible. The clinic serves uninsured or underinsured adult residents of Pamlico, Craven and Beaufort counties between the ages of 18 and 64 with household incomes at or below 300% of the poverty level.

The 3,600-s.f. facility has space for four exam rooms, one procedure suite, lab, an expanded pharmacy, a meeting room that can be used for health education, training, or group recovery meetings and flex space for use by rotating specialists. The new space also creates the potential for an on-site dental clinic.

Hope Clinic is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established to serve the community’s unmet health-care needs. It is a member of the North Carolina Association of Free and Charitable Clinics ([NCAFCC](http://NCAFCC)), a network of 68 clinics that serve uninsured and underinsured N.C. residents across the state.

Those interested in becoming a patient can contact Clinic Support Coordinator Kim Stewart at (252) 745-5760, extension 100. To learn more about how to support Hope Clinic and its patients, contact Cristiani at [yolanda@hopeclinic.net](mailto:yolanda@hopeclinic.net).

### **About Hope Clinic**

Hope Clinic is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies on community and volunteer support to achieve its mission of providing free medical care to those in need in Pamlico County and surrounding communities. With one full-time executive director, seven part-time staff members and more than 60 volunteers, the clinic provides a range of services to low-income uninsured and underinsured residents of Beaufort, Craven and Pamlico counties. In 2023, Hope Clinic provided 778 medical office visits, including patients served at 21 mobile outreach clinics in five locations, made 303 specialist referrals, dispensed 5,601 prescriptions, and conducted 131 case management visits and 86 drug and alcohol counseling visits, for a total of \$2,950,000 in health-care services. Learn more at [www.hopeclinic.net](http://www.hopeclinic.net).

### **About The North Carolina Association of Free and Charitable Clinics**

The North Carolina Association of Free and Charitable Clinics supports 69 member clinics in expanding access to health care, reducing health disparities and improving the health of uninsured and underinsured individuals. Member clinics are a vital part of North Carolina's safety net, providing care for more than 75,000 patients in 84 counties, including primary and specialty medical care; dental care; pharmacy services; optometry; behavioral health care; lab tests and hospital referrals, in most cases at no cost to the patient. The association supports member clinics with education, advocacy, research, funding and collaboration, and promotes quality health care for all North Carolinians. Learn more at [www.ncafcc.org](http://www.ncafcc.org).

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