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10,000 Patient Celebration in Rockford for Oak Street Health

Network of Primary Care Clinics for Seniors on Medicare Reaches Milestone

ROCKFORD, IL (December 11th) Chicago-based healthcare company Oak Street Health announced a celebration in its Rockford clinic in honor of reaching 10,000 patients in just two years. The company operates a network of primary care facilities in Illinois and Indiana focusing on Seniors receiving Medicare benefits. The company opened its first clinic in 2013 on Chicago's North Side and has expanded to 15 clinics throughout Chicagoland, Northwest Indiana, Indianapolis, and Rockford. Festivities will include staff acknowledgements, a party for patients and community members. Additionally, local elected officials as well as members of the Rockford business community will join in the celebration.

"It's amazing how much our clinics have become a part of the community only a short time after opening. We arrived in Rockford this summer and already feel at home," says CEO and co-founder Mike Pykosz. "The people we hire, the patients we see, and the events that we host all come together to promote better lives. Oak Street Health is honored to have been welcomed by this great city."

In anticipation of this landmark patient, the entire company across all clinics received updates to see where the 10,000th patient would eventually enroll. Patients typically become acquainted with a member of the Outreach Team and Oak Street Health team member Blanca Delgado from the Rockford clinic enrolled the 10,000th patient. Delgado said, "It has been great to see how Oak Street Health is positively changing the lives of our Medicare recipients in the area. I truly enjoy talking to our community members about the services we are able to offer to them and how it will greatly benefit their overall health and wellness."

Co-founder and Chief Medical Officer Griffin Myers added, "We're thrilled to welcome our 10,000th patient to our community here at Oak Street. It's a milestone that reminds us how far we've come and how many lives we've touched. For us this represents something really special: it's 10,000 promises we've made to our patients and our neighborhoods, and that is a humbling opportunity and massive responsibility. It's what we're all about."

The clinic's festivities will also include welcoming the newest member of the healthcare team, Dr. Rex Nzeribe. Myers added. "Dr. Nzeribe is has dedicated his career to his patients, and we're excited to add to the all-star team of folks caring for our great patients in Rockford. He trained at Stanford and has a passion for primary care and for helping patients with chronic disease. Our new patients in Rockford will love him."

The Rockford location of Oak Street Health has created dozens of jobs in Rockford and continues to grow as more patients sign up.

The Oak Street Health model invests more in primary care to keep their members healthy and out of hospitals. It turns out that for the price of one hospital stay you can pay for 100 primary care appointments. Oak Street Health takes the savings from keeping their members healthy and reinvests those savings in more, better primary care.

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