

# The Heart of a Healthy Community

## REGIONAL TRAUMA MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Ochiltree General Hospital is proud to announce that our very own Dr. Childers has been named the Trauma Medical Director of the Year by the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for Service Area A. While this award recognizes his personal dedication, Dr. Childers is quick to give credit where he feels it is due: to the dedicated Trauma Coordinators over the years and the entire OGH team.

Dr. Childers's connection to Perryton runs deep. A native of the community, he has been a physician here for 39 years, having opened his own clinic back in 1986. Around 1995, at the request of Wally Boyd, he took on the role of Trauma Medical Director. It was then that the hospital began the process of becoming a designated Level 4 Trauma Center, a distinction they officially received in 1996.

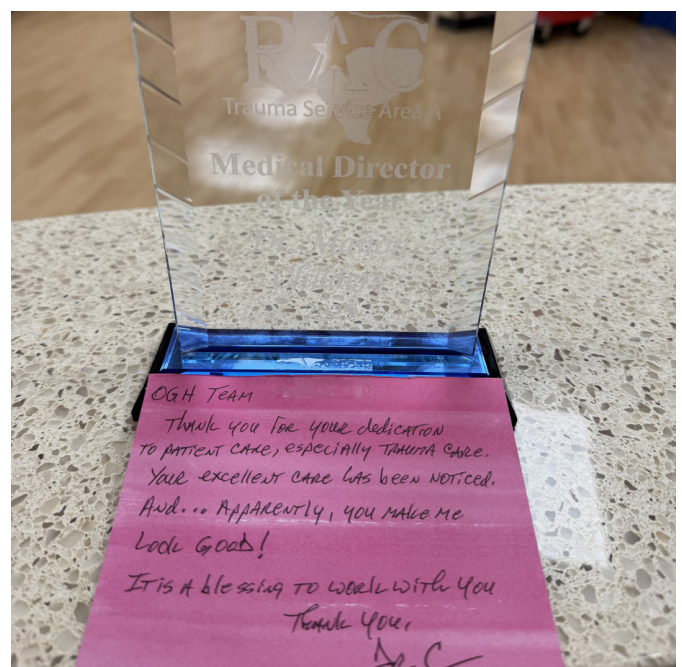
This was a significant moment for the entire state, as OGH was the very first Level 4 trauma-designated facility in the Texas Panhandle. The statewide initiative, started in 1995, aimed to standardize trauma care and ensure that facilities across the state meet specific capabilities. A Level 4 designation confirms that a hospital meets these standards for trauma care based on its capabilities and training.

For Dr. Childers, this designation is about more than just a title; it's about providing comfort and assurance to the community. "We are quite isolated out here and sometimes we have to take care of patients who are really ill," he shared. "If we didn't have a commitment above the minimum standard, we would lose some of those people."

His role, he says, is to help lead the whole trauma team and to encourage everyone to practice at the highest possible level. He believes that the team's commitment to continuous learning and excellence is what truly makes the difference.

**//**Your excellent care has been noticed and apparently you make me look good!" Dr. Childers wrote in a personal note left for the team. "It is a blessing to work with you, thank you."

This award is a testament to Dr. Childers's unwavering commitment to OGH, our staff, and the community he has served for decades. We are honored to have him continue to lead our team.



# ASSISTED LIVING WEEK



In September, we proudly celebrated National Assisted Living Week with the wonderful residents of The Seasons Assisted Living. The week was filled with laughter, education, and special trips, all designed to honor our residents and showcase the vibrant community spirit fostered at The Seasons. This entire celebration was expertly organized by our dedicated team members, Julia Buttry and Judy Yarbrough.

In addition to the festivities, The Seasons hosted an informative Lunch and Learn event. This educational session was open to the public, offering visitors a chance to ask questions about assisted living care, services, and amenities. Attendees received a tour of the facility and were able to connect with staff to understand the benefits of the lifestyle at The Seasons Assisted Living.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made Assisted Living Week such a memorable success! We look forward to continuing to provide compassionate care and enriching experiences at The Seasons Assisted Living.

# SEATBELT CHECKS



A huge thank you to our dedicated team members, Maggie Flores and Blanca Navarette! This past Saturday in Dalhart, TX, Maggie and Blanca completed their specialized recertification training to ensure they remain top-tier Certified Car Seat Safety Technicians.

Their commitment to this detailed training is absolutely essential, and here is why: Child Safety by the Numbers (NHTSA): Risk is High: About half (46%) of parents and caregivers install their child's car seat incorrectly. Lives Saved: Car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers in passenger cars. The Stakes: Sadly, in 2023, 700 children were killed in crashes, and over 125,000 were injured. Unrestrained children made up 43% of those fatalities. Maggie and Blanca are here to help you get it right. They have the expertise to check your car seat and teach you proper installation, ensuring your most precious cargo is secure every time.

Don't guess—schedule your FREE car seat check with our experts today! Call 806-648-7129 or email [mflores@oghtx.com](mailto:mflores@oghtx.com).

# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Each month OGH recognizes one outstanding staff member for their dedication to providing quality healthcare in our community. Jammy Savage was chosen as Employee of the Month for September. Jammy is a member of the CrossRoads team at OGH and our Certified Breastfeeding Counselor.



# THE PANHANDLE GIVES



Mark your calendars! The regional giving day, Panhandle Gives, is coming up on November 24th through December 2nd! This is a great opportunity to make your dollar go farther and accelerate our capital campaign to build a NEW, state-of-the-art Emergency Room right here at Ochiltree General Hospital. Every dollar donated through Panhandle Gives goes directly toward ensuring our community has access to the most modern, efficient, and life-saving emergency care facility possible. A new ER means faster treatment, better technology, and enhanced safety for everyone in Ochiltree and surrounding communities. For more information contact Amie Marrufo at 806-648-7402 or amarrufo@oghtx.com.

# Employee Spotlight

## OGH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Katrina Thompson- Oct 1  | Deb Aylor- Oct 13             |
| Jessica Arredondo- Oct 3 | Michelle Garcia- Oct 17       |
| Jonathan Sell- Oct 4     | Cynthia Rojas-Salazar- Oct 25 |
| Kelly Judice- Oct 6      | Hilda Zapien-Oct 25           |
| Amie Marrufo-Oct 6       | Keira Ramirez-Oct 27          |
| Julia Becerril- Oct 6    | Juana Becerril- Oct 28        |
| Analia Loera- Oct 7      | Maria Rodriguez- Oct 29       |
| Rosie Tudon- Oct 7       | Steph Tarvin-Oct 31           |
| Susan Childers- Oct 11   |                               |

## OGH ANNIVERSARIES

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ariana Castanon- 1 Year     | Faith Salas- 5 Years      |
| Susan Childers- 1 Year      | Hilda Zapien-6 Years      |
| Andrea Cid Martinez- 1 Year | Yesenia Herrera-6 Years   |
| Sinahy Hernandez- 1 Year    | Olga Marrufo- 14 Years    |
| Brecklyn Stump- 2 Years     | Ron Bishop-20 Years       |
| Dr. O'Beirne- 3 Years       | Jessica Russell- 22 Years |

## OGH NEW ROCKSTARS

- Abigail Vazquez- Nursing
- Brissa Ortiz- Sotelo- Seasons
- Esmeralda Torres- Seasons
- Blanemily De La Rosa- Seasons
- Elsa Galvan- Business Office

## KELLY'S CORNER:

As a healthcare team, we are always working to improve the well-being of our community. We recently acquired the clinic building across the street from the hospital, which was previously owned by Dr. Siewert and Dr. Childers. While we don't have definite plans for it just yet, we are exploring some exciting ideas. We are looking forward to using this space to bring something beneficial to our community, so stay tuned for updates!

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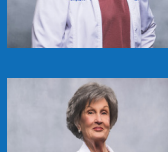
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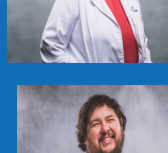
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**OCTOBER 7: HEALTH FAIR 7AM-1PM**

**OCTOBER 11: 5K FOR HOSPICE**

**OCTOBER 23: LUNCH & LEARN  
HOSPICE- MICHELLE GARCIA, RN**