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SOUTHEAST HEALTH JOINS MAYO CLINIC CARE NETWORK



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Mayo Clinic Platform Medical Director Dr. Ryan Uitti, left, Southeast Health Emergency Medicine Physician Dr. Foy Mann III, center, and Southeast Health Chief Executive Officer and Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine President Rick Sutton talk about the collaboration with the Mayo Clinic during a press conference held at Southeast Health Thursday afternoon.

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“This is a win-win-win for the Wiregrass,” said Rick Sutton, making the announcement that Southeast Health is joining the Mayo Clinic Care Network. “We are taking health-care to the next level.”

Sutton is Southeast Health Chief Executive Officer and president of the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in Dothan. He was joined by Mayo Clinic Platform Medical Director Dr. Ryan Uitti, and Southeast Health Emergency Medicine Physician Dr. Foy Mann III at the hospital Thursday

afternoon to announce that Southeast Health is the first hospital in Alabama, and one of only 45 worldwide, invited to join the Mayo Clinic Care Network.

Sutton stressed that Southeast Health remains an independent organization. “This is not a merger,” he said explaining that the collaboration enables health care providers to treat their patients closer to home because they can communicate directly with Mayo Clinic’s specialists, at no additional cost to the patient.

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Raising awareness of developmental disabilities in the Wiregrass

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“We’re here. Then. Now. Always,” is the theme of this year’s Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month being recognized by city and county governments throughout the state this month.

“The theme reflects a simple truth: people with developmental disabilities have always been part of our communities, are active contributors, and will continue shaping Alabama’s future for generations to come,” said Alabama Department of Mental Health Commissioner Kimberly Boswell. “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month offers opportunities to recognize their contributions and celebrate the value each person brings to their family, community, and our state.”

“First, let me say how much I and the commission appreciate Spectra Care and all you do for the Wiregrass,” said Dothan Mayor Mark Saliba, welcoming to the Dothan City Commission meeting staff from the Dothan-based ADMH-certified organization offering a range of counseling services to include developmental disability support through care plans, skill development, and community integration in Houston, Dale, Henry, Barbour, and Geneva Counties

“Spectra Care advocates for programs that promote positive system changes and that allow persons with developmental disabilities to achieve optimum independence and improved quality of life,” Saliba said. “Spectra Care encourages all citizens to actively participate in events that recognize and celebrate Dothan’s diverse population, including persons with developmental disabilities.”

“We’re very proud to serve this special population of individuals with developmental disabilities,” said Spectra Care Chief Operating Officer Susie Kingry, accepting a city proclamation recognizing the significance of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. “We’ve come an awful long way in reducing stigma about developmental disabilities and this is a time of year we focus on their needs, their uniqueness, and bring to the communities an awareness of these issues.”

Over 4,000 individuals served

Spectra Care served over 4,000 individuals in Houston County last year, she added. “This is a very special population. Each one is unique. Each one is special in their own right.”

“There are more than 120,000 Alabamians with developmental disabilities building lives filled with purpose--sharing time with loved ones, learning in classrooms, contributing in the workplace, and participating in community life,” said Boswell. “Every day, our teams focus on providing meaningful supports that help people build the lives they choose.”

“The ADMH, through its Division of Developmental Disabilities, partners with local providers to offer services designed around each person’s goals, preferences, and strengths,” Boswell

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DHS ‘Pride of the South’ hosts inaugural Miles 4 Music 5K

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DALEVILLE — It’s a 5K run with a musical twist as the Daleville High School “Pride of the South” Marching Band Parents Association hosts the inaugural Miles 4 Music 5K fundraiser March 21.

For runners — or walkers — it’s an opportunity to run to the rhythm of live music along the route performed by the “Pride of the South,” said DHS Band Director Mark Nichols. “This year’s music theme is ‘Music Moves You Forward’ and features a soundtrack that will

uplift your runner’s heart with sounds for the soul.”

Supporting music education

All proceeds from Miles 4 Music benefit the music education programs in the Daleville City Schools. “We hope to raise \$52,000 to buy 110 new uniforms at a cost of \$450 each. The new uniforms will replace the current 15-year-old uniforms.”

Facing challenges head on is not new to the “Pride of the South” and the parents’ association. This is the band community

that raised enough money to accept an invitation to perform in Italy a year ago. “A once in a lifetime opportunity,” is how Nichols described the “Pride’s” performances in Rome and Venice trip in March last year. It was the first-ever international trip for the band, and each raised the money to fund their respective trips, he said.



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