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Foremost Family Health Centers Elects New Officers on Board of Directors

DALLAS, January 29, 2021 — Foremost Family Health Centers operates two community health centers (Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Clinic in Dallas and FFHC in Balch Springs.) The eleven-member community Board of Directors are volunteer members, some of whom are actual patients of Foremost, retirees, business owners, educators, and government officials. Most recently, the board held their elections and voted in a new slate of officers to support the Chief Executive Officer, Joyce Tapley. “It is always a pleasure to serve a governing board which offers a continuous partnership by supporting my efforts to lead our community health centers in providing comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health services. I look forward to collaborating with the new board officers as well as with the entire board as they assist in setting policy and advocating on behalf of our community health center patients” stated Joyce Tapley.

The newly elected officers

Chair - Dr. Carrie Forney Gordon She is a retired urban planner and has served the Balch Springs community for over 20 years. Recently re-elected Mayor of Balch Springs, she is a strong advocate and supporter for youth and senior programs and projects. She is a woman of God, is talented, energetic, and a hard-working team player. She is a singer and is a part of a traveling band of musical artists.

Vice Chair – Artie Campbell, RN, MSN, Retired Ms. Artie Campbell was a clinical nurse for 37+ years and retired as the Director of Critical Care from East Texas Medical Center. In addition to her directorship, she worked as a nurse in the level 1 trauma center, neuro-ICU, and in the medical/surgical unit. She taught clinical nursing for many years. Her commitment to serving on the board stems from her desire to continue advocating on behalf of the underserved patients and supporting long-term funding for community health centers.

Secretary – Sandy Savage, MSN, RN, Clinical Instructor, UT Tyler School of Nursing Ms. Savage teaches nursing students in the areas of clinical nursing, leadership and management, health assessments and competencies. She has experience in many nursing specialties, including medical/surgical, oncology, telemetry and vascular nursing. She is a strong advocate for community health centers.

Treasurer – Clarita Rivera, Retired School Teacher, Principal and Executive Director for over 13 DISD schools. Ms. Rivera lead the Young Women’s STEAM Academy and was recognized as Secondary Principal of the Year. She was in the DISD school system for 43 years. Her post-retirement career plans include serving as an advocate for the patients and providing counseling services for people affected by COVID.

Other members of the board – Sam Allen, Richard Boyd, Stuart P. Courtney, James Jackson, Wanda McClellan, Taminisha White, and Hettie Wilson.



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About Foremost Family Health Centers: Foremost Family Health Centers started providing services to the Dallas community as Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Clinic in 1986. The MLK, Jr. Family Clinic office is still located in the heart of south Dallas. In 2014, the second health center was opened in Balch Springs. Together, both health centers have become synonymous with high quality affordable family health care. Designated as a Patient Centered Medical Home and recognized by the American Heart Association and American Medical Association for achieving blood pressure control for their patients, Foremost offers a comprehensive array of primary care and wellness services, including family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, internal medicine, dentistry, behavioral health, podiatry and lab services. The Healthy Lifestyles Program also includes individual and group visits for chronic conditions, including diabetes, hypertension and asthma. As Foremost Family Health Centers, the organization is building on its history and taking healthcare to the next level through home visits and telemedicine.

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