## 2020/2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Working Together to Help Arkansas Live Better









Arkansas Health & Wellness, Arkansas Total Care, and QualChoice are health insurance companies that deliver quality health care throughout Arkansas. Committed to Helping Arkansas Live Better, Arkansas Health & Wellness and Arkansas Total Care support active local community involvement in all 75 Arkansas counties, with more than 700 employees statewide. Arkansas Health & Wellness, Arkansas Total Care, and QualChoice are wholly and partially owned subsidiaries of Centene Corporation, a leading multi-national Fortune 50 healthcare enterprise offering Medicaid, Medicare, Marketplace, and specialty services.

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### CEO Welcome

Welcome to our 2020/2021 Community Impact Report, the story of how we work to fulfill our purpose: Helping Arkansas Live Better. We believe healthier individuals create more vibrant communities. For this reason, we strive to improve the whole health of the individual not only by providing high quality, affordable healthcare, but also by our commitment to the communities in which we live.

Our pledge to improve the lives of all Arkansans starts with community involvement. From the health services provided at our featured health fairs, to our partnerships with local organizations, we are able to directly impact the health of those who need it.

As CEO, I am proud of the work we do in our local communities, as well as the dedication of our partner organizations. I truly believe that we are better together and look forward to the continuation of our steadfast commitment to Helping Arkansas Live Better.

President and CEO Arkansas Health & Wellness, Arkansas Total Care, QualChoice



#### **Executive Community Board Members**



John Ryan President and CEO, Arkansas Health & Wellness

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# Community Sponsorships and Partners

### Arkansas Foodbank

#### 2020 Foodbank donation

COVID-19 has had an impact on everyone, including organizations that work to fight against food insecurity. That's why, in 2020, Arkansas Health & Wellness donated \$100,000 to the Arkansas Foodbank to help with COVID-19 relief. With this donation, the Arkansas Foodbank was able to acquire and distribute more food across the state to those in need, providing much-needed relief to the individuals most affected by COVID-19.

Arkansas ranks second in the nation for food insecurity, meaning that approximately one in five Arkansans are struggling to get enough food. The Arkansas Foodbank is the largest hunger-relief organization in the state, serving 33 of Arkansas' 75 counties and feeding more than 280,000 people every year. The Foodbank works yearround to provide hunger relief where it's needed most among children, families, and seniors.

Our support has helped the Arkansas Foodbank improve the nutritional quality of the food they provide. In recent years, the Foodbank has been able to work with other community partners, such as UAMS, to host nutrition workshops for its agencies. These nutrition workshops have helped connect 30 agencies to the resources they need to teach families how to shop smarter, make healthier food decisions, and cook more affordable meals. Arkansas Health & Wellness is proud to partner with the Arkansas Foodbank in helping Arkansas live better.







### Arkansas Foodbank Volunteer Efforts

In October 2020, the QualChoice business services team combined team building and volunteerism by spending their time helping the Arkansas Foodbank feed Arkansans. While there, the team learned about the history of the Arkansas Foodbank and how their assistance will help make a difference in addressing food insecurity in the state.

The Arkansas Foodbank receives many non-perishable donations in bulk, including pasta. The QualChoice team's role was to weigh and package pasta donations so they could be sent to Foodbank locations across the state.



The team had a wonderful time getting to work together in person for such a worthy cause. Thank you to our volunteers!

Bryan Meldrum Melisa Chesney Karla Bellisle Awit Antoun Michelle Brown Barrie Torrey Amy Brady

Angie Collier Cynthia Moore Reggie Eskridge Leslie Blackwood Shannon Bennett Theresa Sherrod

### **American Heart Association**



#### Going Red for Women

Arkansas Health & Wellness, Arkansas Total Care, and QualChoice Health Insurance joined the American Heart Association once again to participate in Go Red for Women, a movement designed to empower women to end cardiovascular diseases.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women, killing approximately one in five women in the United States every year. The Go Red for Women movement seeks to increase awareness surrounding heart health and support global change to help women live longer healthier lives.

#### 2020 American Heart Association Heart Walk<sup>®</sup>

Arkansas Health & Wellness has been a longtime supporter of the American Heart Association's Central Arkansas Heart Walk.

In April 2020, in an effort to protect each other and maintain social distancing amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Heart Walk was hosted virtually. Participants were invited to walk around their houses or neighborhoods, cook heart-healthy meals, move more, and just have fun. They were also encouraged to post videos on social media along the way.

April has been designated as Move More Month, and Ambetter from Arkansas Health & Wellness was proud to be the 2020 #ARHeartWalk Healthy Selfie Sponsor to celebrate.



## COVID-19 Community Assistance

#### **COVID-19 Comminications Materials**



In 2020, we as a nation were faced with an unprecedented pandemic. As COVID-19 swept across our country, people were encouraged to stay home, wear masks, and get vaccinated.

We at Arkansas Health & Wellness and Arkansas Total Care helped combat COVID-19 by keeping our members educated about current CDC and provider recommendations, as well as offering tips and tricks that would keep themselves and their families healthy during this time. We also encouraged our employees to work from home; this new normal led to our brand-new flexible schedules and allowed many positions to remain remote.



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What You Need to Know





We continue to encourage our members, providers, and employees to keep implementing healthy habits, including practicing social distancing, washing their hands regularly, and receiving their vaccines and boosters.



#### Delta Variant



#### **Thanking Frontline Workers** Little Rock Solid Waste Division

Ambetter was privileged to be able to give back to the hard workers of the Little Rock Solid Waste Division in June 2020. We wanted to show our support to this sometimes-overlooked group of essential workers, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. That's why we teamed up with a local Jimmy John's franchise to provide more than 100 lunches to the city's frontline sanitation workers. The owner of the franchise handdelivered the food for us, and the sanitation workers were touched to have been thought of.

> "This is amazing and a blessing. We are thankful to Ambetter from Arkansas Health & Wellness."

Jo Myrick, Operation Restore program manager



"The Little Rock solid waste crews are grateful for the kind gesture of lunch provided by Ambetter and delivered by the franchise owner of Jimmy John's."

Little Rock Solid Waste Division





#### **Encouraging Growth City Connections Gift Card Donation**

In June 2020, Ambetter donated 100 Amazon gift cards to City Connections to reward individuals participating in the Operation Restore program.

City Connections is a faith-base, nonprofit organization dedicated to uniting the Little Rock area by cultivating partnerships with more than 300 organizations to build a stronger community. Operation Restore is one of City Connections' primary initiatives, connecting individuals who have completed rehabilitation programs to a network of more than 25 employers. Our gift cards went straight to the hardworking people who are participating in the Operation Restore program to get their lives back.

### **Thanking Frontline Workers** Arkansas Children's Hospital

The Social Work Department of the Arkansas Children's Hospital provides around-the-clock support, resources, and placement to individuals and families every day. We are grateful for the important work these social workers do, and we wanted to thank them for their compassion toward children and families. So, in July 2020, we partnered once more with Jimmy John's to provide free lunch to more than 50 social workers.



### **Thanking Frontline Workers Baptist Health**

We were pleased to provide lunch for more than 70 cardiology employees at Baptist Health in Little Rock. These frontline workers serve others around the clock, and it was our privilege to be able to return the favor in some small way by providing Chick-fil-A meals.

"Huge thank you to Arkansas Health & Wellness for the amazing gratitude lunch. Our team was super appreciative, and we cannot thank you and your organization enough for thinking of us."



"On behalf of the Arkansas Children's Hospital Social Work Department, we would like to thank Ambetter for providing [us] with lunch. It is very much appreciated."

Arkansas Children's Hospital Social Work Department



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Amber Edwards, RN, BSN, Clinical Supervisor



#### Lucie's Place

Lucie's Place provides LGBTQ+ young adults who are experiencing homelessness in Central Arkansas with safe living environments, job training, and counseling services to ensure lifelong stability and success. They also work to promote equality and acceptance for LGBTQ+ young adults.

Arkansas Health & Wellness was able to provide Lucie's Place's staff and residents with 100 Walmart gift cards and 100 phone cards to help them provide these services.

"Thank you so much. The Wal-Mart cards are going to be so helpful with food and supplies for our members. The phone cards are going to be a big help with members. Contacting via phone is helpful for them to reach us during this time with COVID, as well as helping with case management they are receiving [and] any other needs. Thank you so much from Lucie's Place."





Andrea Zekis, Interim executive director

#### **7hills Homeless Center**

In the past month, Arkansas Health & Wellness provided 7hills Homeless Center with nonperishable food, 190 bottles of water, coffee, creamer, coffee cups, plastic cutlery, trash bags, and traps. This shelter serves over 500 homeless people in the Fayetteville area every month. They also provide case management and other services for those trying to get back on their feet. The donations from our organization were appreciated by the staff and residents.





#### **Healthy Connection**

#### Part of the Helping Arkansas Campaign

In May of 2020, Ambetter donated a \$35 Walmart gift card to Healthy Connections' 180+ employees. The donation was to thank frontline workers for providing COVID-19 testing to the community.

Healthy Connections has more than eight clinic locations throughout Arkansas that serve local communities. The Walmart gift cards were donated during National Nurses Week to boost morale and help secure personal protective equipment for Healthy Connections' frontline workers, which has been hard to come by throughout the pandemic.

By providing this money to help frontline workers battle COVID-19, we at Ambetter continue to help Arkansans live better one day at a time.





#### Supporting the Little Rock Cares COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund

The impact of COVID-19 has been felt by every Arkansan. In an effort to provide further support to our community, Arkansas Health & Wellness, together with Arkansas Total Care, donated \$15,000 to the City of Little Rock's Little Rock Cares COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. This fund has helped provide food relief to Arkansas residents in need, as well as personal protective equipment to healthcare professionals and first responders based in Little Rock, throughout the pandemic.

"We are proud to continue our support of the Little Rock Cares Fund and all Arkansans with this donation during the COVID-19 crisis. It is critical that we continue to care for those who are most vulnerable during this time. Together we can help Arkansas live better."

John Ryan, President and CEO, Arkansas Health & Wellness, Arkansas Total Care

"We are extremely grateful for this donation to the Little Rock Cares Emergency Relief Fund," Little

Rock mayor, Frank Scott Jr., said. "The COVID-19 crisis, unfortunately, is not behind us. These funds will assist us in continuing to ensure our first responders and healthcare workers receive the necessary equipment to continue meeting the needs of Little Rock residents and patients who need health services in our city."

Little Rock Cares is committed to helping feed its community. Arkansas Health & Wellness and Arkansas Total Care share that commitment, which is why we partnered with Jimmy John's to provide lunches to the essential workers of the Little Rock Solid Waste Division. These outreach efforts, as well as our \$100,000 contribution to the Arkansas Foodbank, reaffirms our continued commitment to serving the community we call home.

### Giving Back to Jericho Way Union Rescue Mission

Depaul USA's Jericho Way is the only day resource center for homeless people in Central Arkansas. Every weekday, this center serves an average of 150 homeless individuals in the city. In addition to serving meals during breakfast and lunch, Jericho Way works to help visitors find housing, get case management help, wash clothes, have access to showers, get transportation assistance, and more.

With the help of Bridget's Cooking Club in Little Rock, we were able to provide lunch to the 50+ staff at Jericho Way.



#### Giving Back to Our House

Our House is a nonprofit social services organization that strives to empower families and individuals facing homelessness to succeed in work, school, and life through hard work and active participation in the community. Our House gives these families and individuals opportunities for a better tomorrow by providing housing, career development, childcare services, transportation, clothing, case management services, and more.

In 2020, we donated 100 \$25 Amazon gift cards to the Our House community and residents. This donation helped these families and individuals get the diapers, disinfectants, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, and other important items they need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

> "This is such an unexpected blessing. We really appreciate Ambetter from Arkansas Health & Wellness. It has been great working with you all. Thank you!"

Rachael Borne, Our House Career Center Manager





#### Arkansas Health & Wellness Virtual Back to School Support Event

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on all of us in some way. But when schools closed, households that were already struggling to make ends meet took an even bigger hit as their children lost access to school meals. As a continuation of our commitment to changing lives and strengthening Arkansas, Arkansas Health & Wellness partnered with nonprofit organizations and schools across the state to help meet these families' needs. All employees were invited to support the AHW Virtual Back to School Support Event during August to help children start school prepared and equipped to learn. Our Virtual Back to School Support Event was available from August 3rd to August 31st on AR Net. Participation was voluntary, and employees contributed directly to the online wish list to help these schools.

Out of 488 Arkansas elementary schools, the schools selected for this assistance were in more impoverished areas, with more minority students, and lower overall test scores.

#### Cleveland County School District

The Spread Gratitude campaign would like to recognize the Cleveland School District in Rison. During the pandemic, the district provided breakfast and lunch to more than 300 people a day, regardless of enrollment at their school district. Our Outreach team acknowledges the school district for their efforts to support the community by providing bottled water and fresh fruit and vegetables to their staff and students.

"Special thanks to Ambetter from Arkansas Health & Wellness for helping us provide our students with fresh fruit and vegetables."

Quote from a person in the school district

Arkansas Health & Wellness contributed 2,000 sets of headphones with microphones and 2,000 bottles of hand sanitizer to the following schools:

- Amboy Elementary
- Bale Elementary
- Baseline Elementary
- Boone Park Elementary
- College Station Elementary
- Craighead School District
- David O. Dodd Elementary
- Harris Elementary
- Mabelvale Elementary
- Stephens Elementary
- Western Hills Elementary

Each of these schools received 200 sets of headphones with a microphone and 200 bottles of hand sanitizer. The schools expressed their gratitude and were overjoyed with the contributions made by Ambetter from Arkansas Health & Wellness.

The staff was very thankful for these contributions as they helped the school continue to provide breakfast and lunch to anyone in need. One week before our donation, the entire town was without power for a week due to a recent bout of storms. Being without power for a week, the district lost its refrigerated food supply. Our donation came just in time to help this community in need. Thank you! We appreciate your generosity, and we are making good use of our earphones and sanitizer.

April Dawn Agnew, Third Grade, Stephens Elementary

#### Stephens Elementary School

We at Arkansas Health & Wellness donated earbuds and hand sanitizer to Stephens Elementary School, as well as other schools around Arkansas, to help students maintain their health while still achieving success in their academics.





With sincere gratitude, we are so appreciative of the earbuds gifted to our students on behalf of Arkansas Health & Wellness. This blessing was truly right on time! Our students were able to utilize the earbuds for testing! I am so happy that our students have earbuds to support them with pursuing and achieving academic excellence at Stephens Elementary.

Pakita Shutes, Academic Interventionist/Testing Coordinator, Stephens Elementary



David O Dodd - Principal Melina Modica



Baseline Elementary School - 9/30/20



Harris Elementary School - 9/30/20



Boone Park Elementary - Christen Valley



Amboy Elementary School - 9/28/20



Western Hills - Principal Shannon Smith



Living Services



Mabelvale Elementary - 9/30/20



College Station Elementary - 9/30/20



Bale Elementary - School Teachers



#### Donations

In March 2020 through December 2021, the Arkansas Health & Wellness Outreach team donated additional sources to the community to relieve COVID-19 stress.



#### Organizations received donations



**11 CLINICS** Arkansas Children's Hospital Baptist Health Little Rock Healthy Connections (8 Clinics) Washington Regional Medical Center



#### **11 SCHOOLS** Amboy Elementary

Bale Elementary Baseline Elementary Boone Park Elementary College Station Elementary Craighead School District David O. Dodd Elementary Harris Elementary Mabelvale Elementary Stephens Elementary Western Hills Elementary **9 Non-Profits** 7Hills Homeless Shelter BCD Inc., Hoover Treatment Center City Connections Feed First USA Genesis Homeless Shelter Habitat for Humanity Jericho Way/Project of Depaul Lucie's Place Our House

### Sponsorships

It is important to recognize and support those who are doing good for Arkansas. We know that, in order to maximize the impact of good deeds, it is necessary to work together in support of those who are also helping to make a difference.

We do this by providing monetary donations to other organizations in support of their most impactful programs.

The following are just a few of the great organizations we are proud to support. donations.

Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled, American Cancer Society, Inc. American Heart Association Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families Arkansas Autism Foundation Bost, Inc. Partnership Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Inc. Arkansas Food Bank Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Society, Inc. Arkansas Wrestling Association Association of People Supporting Employment First Baptist Health Foundation Better Community Development B.R.A.V.E. of Pine Bluff Building Bridges Development and Community Services Capitol Advisors Group Care Link Central Arkansas Young Life CHI St. Vincent Golf Classic CHS Booster Club Community Health Centers of Arkansas Community First Alliance, Inc. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Developmental Disabilities Provider Association Easter Seals Arkansas F.E.E.D. First USA

, Inc.	Francis A. Allen School for Exceptional Children
	Greenbrier Revolution Team
	Habitat for Humanity of Central Arkansas
	Little Rock Christian Academy
	Mobile Video Game Station
	National Association of Social Workers
	NEA Baptist Charitable Foundation
	NWA Sunshine School
	Omegas of Greater Little Rock, Inc.
	Pathfinder, Inc.
	Pediatrics Plus Community Connections
	Polk County Development Center, Inc.
	River City Ministry of Pulaski County, Inc.
s, Inc.	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Arkansas, Inc.
	Saline County Medical Foundation
	St. Bernard's Medical Center
	St. Vincent Development Foundation
	Sunshine School & Development Center
	The Arc for the River Valley
	The First Tee of Central Arkansas
	The Gregory Kistler Treatment Center, Inc.
	The Pack Shack
	Tyler Dannaway Foundation
	World Services for the Blind

#### Feeding Healthcare Heroes at Washington Regional Medical Center

The Washington Regional Medical Center is one of the only nonprofit, community-owned, and locally governed healthcare systems in Northwest Arkansas. With primary care, urgent care, and specialty clinics located throughout Northwest Arkansas, Washington Regional works to provide Arkansans with the quality care they deserve.

To show our gratitude to the heroes of Washington Regional, we provided lunch to more than 50 respiratory department members. The meals were catered by Herman's Ribhouse in Fayetteville.





#### Special shoutout for today's catering order, Ambetter from Arkansas Health & Wellness!

Washington Regional Medical Center



Danielle, one of Washington Regional's Registered Respiratory Therapists, holding up a Philly cheesesteak lunch from Herman's Ribhouse.

### Doing Good with Genesis House

Genesis House is a day shelter for the homeless that has been serving the Siloam Springs community for more than 10 years. With a mission to enhance the quality and dignity of individuals by breaking the cycle of homelessness, Genesis House offers shower and laundry facilities, telephone and fax services, a food pantry, and counseling services to those in need.

In 2020, to help Genesis House reach more people, we donated non-perishable food and personal hygiene products, such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and more. Genesis House was able to distribute these donations to more than 20 families, including 60 children. Thank you so much. You guys are awesome.

Genesis House







### Supporting Healthcare Workers at CHI St. Vincent and UAMS

As our communities continue to face the spread of COVID-19, Arkansas healthcare workers show endless bravery and tenacity by working to create vaccination clinics and tending to rapidly filling hospital units. These healthcare workers put themselves and their loved ones at risk to help those most vulnerable to COVID-19. We recognize the important work these heroes do, and we want to do what we can to express our gratitude.

We showed our appreciation and support to the nursing staff of CHI St. Vincent Infirmary by delivering 80 Ambetter bags filled with goods like hand sanitizer, lip balm, and more. We also wanted to give thanks to the UAMS Emergency Department by delivering 75 lunch boxes and seven pizzas to the nursing staff there.

We are immensely grateful for the healthcare workers who strive daily to help Arkansas live better.

# COVID Vaccine Awareness in the Community

### Supporting Vaccination Efforts

As COVID-19 has continues to impact our communities, we know we have to do our part to support vaccination efforts. To accomplish this goal, we have worked to educate our community about the dangers, symptoms, and lasting effects of contracting COVID-19. We've also created timely educational materials based on CDC- and provider-backed recommendations for staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented pandemic.

Going beyond mere education, Ambetter from Arkansas Health & Wellness supported several community vaccination events in 2021. These events served to inform members of our vulnerable community about the benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine or booster shot. They also helped disprove myths surrounding the vaccines.





### The Advancing Health Literacy Program of Pine Bluff

Michelle Miller, a community relations representative for Arkansas Health & Wellness, represented Ambetter at a 2021 vaccination event hosted by the Advancing Health Literacy Program of Pine Bluff. The event provided attendees with information on COVID-19 and the vaccines available for it.

Miller encouraged attendees to get vaccinated during the event by offering prizes to those who received a vaccine or booster shot. Miller even showed her support for the cause by getting a COVID-19 booster while attending the event.



Michelle Miller attended on 11/19/21 and got booster





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#### Promoting Vaccines with Pro Football Hall of Famer Drew Pearson

In September 2021, former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver and recent Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee Drew Pearson partnered with Ambetter to show his support for the COVID-19 vaccination effort. Pearson visited the city of Pine Bluff to encourage the community to do their part in protecting themselves and others from COVID-19 by getting vaccinated.



Wendy Talbot, Chief Experience Officer at Jefferson Regional Medical Center, hosted the vaccination event with support from our community relations representative, Michelle Miller. The event was open to all members of the community who were eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or booster. Miller gifted those who received a vaccine with Ambetter swag while Pearson signed autographs for the community.



Thank you for coming down to Pine Bluff to promote the Drew Pearson vaccine event. We really appreciate the opportunity to partner with you all on this event. Our community was very excited about his visit (as you probably could tell!). We appreciate all you are doing to help promote the vaccine!

#### Wendy Talbot, Chief Experience Officer, Jefferson Regional Medical Center





Kalye Gibson, a freshman at Pine Bluff High School, tries on Pearson's championship ring. (Pine Bluff Commercial/I.C. Murrell)

Within 30 minutes of Pearson's arrival at the Watson Chapel Family Clinic, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff spirit team showed their support with a cheer dedicated to the Hall of Famer:

"D-R-E-W! Welcome to Arkansas!" was chanted in the same cadence as the team's traditional "U-A-P-B! Golden Lions!" cheer.



Pearson stated that he is fully vaccinated and did not hesitate when the time came to do his part in supporting the community's immunization efforts.





The UAPB spirit team performs their routine for Pearson as their coach, Karen Blunt, looks on supportively. (Pine Bluff Commercial/I.C. Murrell)



Joyce Campbell, a program outreach coordinator for the city of Pine Bluff, hugs Drew Pearson as Dorothy Oliver, a coordinator for the city's Advancing Health Literacy Program, looks on. (Pine Bluff Commercial/I.C. Murrell)



#### Promoting Vaccines with Pro Football Hall of Famer Cliff Harris

In October 2021, several Arkansas health clinics, in partnership with Ambetter, hosted Pro Football Hall of Famer Cliff Harris for a vaccination campaign. Harris, who grew up in Arkansas and played as a safety for the Dallas Cowboys, helped promote the COVID-19 vaccine at the CHI St. Vincent Little Rock Diagnostic Clinic, Healthy Connections in Hot Springs, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, and UAMS in Little Rock.



Harris' visit inspired Arkansans to follow his lead and get vaccinated.

A Fayetteville native, Harris visited Northwest Arkansas to help encourage people to get immunized against COVID-19.

Community **Outreach Efforts** 2020-2021

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## Volunteer Champion Program



#### First Arkansas Gives Back Fundraiser

In 2021, Arkansas Health & Wellness and Arkansas Total Care's Outreach team created the Arkansas Gives Back fundraising initiative. Through this initiative, employees across the company were given the opportunity to donate funds to be used in supporting two local nonprofits: F.E.E.D. First USA and the Better Community Development, Inc.'s Hoover Treatment Center.

Employees across the health plan came together and donated a total of more than \$5,000 to the cause. With the health plan's pledge to match every donation up to \$5,000, we were able to raise a total of \$10,025 for our selected nonprofit organizations. Arkansas Health & Wellness was able to split the total and donate just over \$5,000 each to F.E.E.D. First and the Hoover Treatment Center.

F.E.E.D. First USA is a nonprofit organization based in Central Arkansas. With a mission aimed at eliminating child hunger one meal at a time, F.E.E.D. First provides enrichment, education, and food to those who need it most. Our donation helped provided F.E.E.D. First with much-needed support to continue its meaningful work within the community.

The Hoover Treatment Center is a key part of Better Community Development's mission to provide outpatient and residential care to those with substance abuse problems. Our 2021 donation helped ensure that the Hoover Treatment Center could continue providing the important resources and care its patients need.

This is the most successful company-wide fundraising effort to date, and we are grateful to all who participated in helping Arkansas live better.

#### Volunteerism

During a time when people had limited contact with each other, our employees still found time and ways to help Arkansas live better! By participating in fundraisers, drivethrough lunches, back-to-school programs, and so much more, we as a company have continued to support and give back to our community in a helpful and meaningful way.







April 2021: Julio Diaz and Carl Herigner, Care Coordinators at Arkansas Total Care, volunteered at Special Olympics in Jonesboro! They managed the bocce ball courts which involved taking score, making sure everyone was socially distanced, handing out medals, and, most importantly, cheering for the athletes. The pair has been volunteering with Special Olympics for several years, and they have built relationships with many of the athletes. They say making sure athletes have fun and feel encouraged is the most important aspect of volunteering with this organization.







#### Second Arkansas Gives Back Fundraiser

Later in 2021, Arkansas Health & Wellness and Arkansas Total Care held a second fundraising effort for Arkansas Gives Back. This round of fundraising benefitted two important organizations: Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). The generous employees of our company donated a total of \$810 for the cause, which we matched dollar for dollar.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is an organization dedicated to helping children realize their potential and build better futures. They accomplish this goal by pairing adult volunteers ("Bigs") with children and young adults ("Littles") across the country. Cultivating positive relationships between these groups helps create a lasting impact on the lives of our nation's youth. We were happy to be able to donate \$810 to the Arkansas division of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

NAMI Arkansas operates as a statewide nonprofit organization to create a network of local groups that provide support, education, and advocacy for Arkansans living with mental illness. Approximately 5% of Arkansans have a serious mental illness, and our \$810 donation helped our local NAMI organization create more opportunities for those Arkansans to receive the resources and support they need.

## **Centene United Way Campaign**

Every year, Centene health plans around the country fundraise to support United Way. United Way improves communities by connecting caring individuals to amplify their fundraising power and problem-solving skills. Their efforts improve the health, education, and financial stability of those in the regions they serve, making more equitable communities for all. Their 2.8 million volunteers are involved in tutoring programs, beautification projects, and programs that help the displaced and homeless. Their extensive network of 9.8 million donors contribute to these efforts – and 68.8% of all funds are used for their core focus projects – to improve education, income, and health. When we work together with United Way, our fundraising and volunteer efforts are magnified, leaving a lasting impact on the communities we serve.

### **\$25,532** Total Donation 2020



### **\$23,171** Total Donation 2021





## About Us

### **Company Overview**

#### About Arkansas Health & Wellness, Arkansas Total Care and QualChoice

Founded in 2014, Arkansas Health & Wellness and Arkansas Total Care are managed carecompanies that operate in the Medicare, Medicaid, and Marketplace spaces. Joining the Centene family of companies in 2019, QualChoice Health Insurance was founded in 1994 and works with employers, brokers, and individuals to provide insurance solutions.

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#### **About Centene Corporation**

Centene Corporation, a Fortune 25 company, is a leading healthcare enterprise committed to helping people live healthier lives. The Company takes a local approach – with local brands and local teams – to provide fully integrated, high-quality, and cost-effective services to government sponsored and commercial healthcare programs, focusing on under-insured and uninsured individuals. Centene offers affordable and high-quality products to nearly 1 in 15 individuals across the nation, including Medicaid and Medicare members (including Medicare Prescription Drug Plans) as well as individuals and families served by the Health Insurance Marketplace, the TRICARE program, and individuals in correctional facilities. The Company also provides a variety of specialty services focused on treating the whole person. Centene focuses on long-term growth and the development of its people, systems, and capabilities so that it can better serve its members, providers, local communities, and government partners.



### Our History in Arkansas

Centene's first health plan in Arkansas is formed, offering Ambetter on the Health Insurance Markeplace and, as a plan for the medicaid expansion program, Arkansas Works.



Arkansas Total Care, a Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Services Organization (PASSE), is formed to serve individuals with IDD/BH needs.



2014 2017



Ambetter product is launched by Centene as an offering on the Health Insurance Marketplace in several states including Arkansas.



Allwell, a Medicare Advantage product, is offered in Arkansas in 7 counties, currently in 45 counties.

Celtic Insurance Company Founded.





NovaSys Health Formation. Providing third-party administration services

NovaSys

for companies including Arkansas State Employees, Arkansas Public

School employees, and the AR Health Networks program.

QualChoice L&H and QCA Health Plan acquired by Centene.





Wellcare by Allwell and Wellcare Medicare Advantage products offered in Arkansas.

## **Population & Demographics**





91% Customer Service Satisfaction from the year of 2021



**855%** Health Care Quality Satisfaction from the year of 2021







### 13,209 98 **PROVIDERS** HOSPITALS

Ashley County Medical Center Baptist Health Fort Smith Baptist Health Medical Center Baptist Health Medical Center - Arkadelphia Baptist Health Medical Center – Heber Springs Baptist Health Medical Center - Little Rock Baptist Health Medical Center - North Little Rock Baptist Health Medical Center – Stuttgart Baptist Health Medical Center Conway Baptist Health Van Buren Baxter Regional Medical Center AR Bradley County Medical Center Chambers Memorial Hospital CHI St. Vincent Hospital Hot Springs CHI St. Vincent Infirmary CHI St. Vincent Morrilton CHI St. Vincent North Chicot Memorial Medical Center Choctaw Nation Health Care Physicians Christus St Michael Health System. Conway Behavioral Health Conway Regional Medical Center Crossridge Community Hospital Dallas County Medical Center Dardanelle Hospital Dardanelle Hospital Yell County De Queen Medical Center

**Partner Hospital** 

Arkansas Childrens Hospital (AR)

Arkansas Childrens Northwest

Arkansas Methodist Hospital

Arkansas Surgical Hospital

Arkansas Heart Hospital

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