



Fact Sheet

Established: 1992

Mission Statement: To provide comprehensive primary healthcare, selective specialties and referral services to the population of the Chattahoochee Valley area regardless of individual circumstances.

Vision: To be the superior multi-specialty primary healthcare organization utilizing an outstanding team of healthcare professionals and support personnel by delivering accessible, affordable, cost effective, prompt customer responsive service.

Founding Officers: Bishop James Swanson, Dr. James Crosse, Audrey Hollingsworth, Al Johnson, John Paul Marvets, Mattie K. Wright, Kenneth Suddeth, Elizabeth Sloan, Milton Ortiz, Tommy Sands, Judge Albert Thompson and Rannie Lewis.

History: Valley Healthcare System formerly known as Community Health Center of South Columbus opened its doors August 1994. This name change is reflective of the growth in our size and the services that we provide to the community. In June 2012, Valley Healthcare increased their offerings by offering expanded pharmacy and optical services. This enabled us to better serve the patient's needs while diversifying operating revenues. The new facility at 1600 Fort Benning Rd, Columbus, GA 31903 includes 30,000 sq. ft. of healthcare space on 13 acres of land.

Multi-Disciplined and Patient Centered Medical Services: Outreach, Children, Women, Adult, Behavioral Health, Pharmacy, Vision, Laboratory, Dental, Extractions. For additional details: www.ValleyHealthColumbus.org

FQHC: Valley is the *ONLY* Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in the Chattahoochee Valley Region. FQHC a federal reimbursement designation used by the Bureau of Primary Health Care and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. ***Without this designation, Columbus would lose over \$2 million annually of federal funds.***

Serving & Saving the Community: In 2012, Valley served 8,877 patients and provided 26,000 patients visits, with board certified and board eligible physicians. Health centers nationally save the health care system over \$24 billion annually including \$6 billion in savings to the Medicaid program. ***That works out to a savings of \$1,263 per patient per year.****

Location and Contact Information:

Corporate Office

1600 Fort Benning Road, Columbus, GA 31903; Main Office: 706.322.9599; Main Fax 706.322.9567

Service Delivery Sites

- Valley Health Columbus, 1600 Fort Benning Road, Columbus, GA 31903. Main Office: 706.322.9599

Service Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays – Every 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Valley Health Fortson – Medical/Dental

94 McCrary Road, Fortson, GA 31808, Main Office: 706.987.8216.

Service Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. thru 5:30 p.m.

- Valley Health Talbotton – Medical/Dental

341 North Washington Avenue, Talbotton, GA 31827 Medical Office: 706.665.2585; Dental Office: 706.665.2139;

Service Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 pm.

* Source: National Association of Community Health Centers, Cost Effectiveness of Care Provided at Health Centers, Fact Sheet, December 2011