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Message From The CEO

Dear Friends of Franklin,

This is a year of change for Franklin Primary Health Center as we continue to grow and launch new programs that will allow us to provide the highest-quality healthcare to the communities we serve.

For the first time in our history, we will have our own Family Medicine Residency Program, starting on July 1st, that will include four doctors. Not only is this a way for Franklin to bring new doctors into our clinics, but it will provide invaluable training that they will use to improve health access and outcomes at community health centers across the entire state of Alabama.

Our School-Based Health Center program is undergoing a major step as we opened our new center at Williamson High School on May 12th. This is our first center in the Mobile County School System.

We're also welcoming new providers as we expand our Behavioral Health and Pediatric programs, and you will learn more about them in this newsletter.

The Franklin Buskey Gala was an incredible success! We had over 500 attendees and raised over \$87,000 to purchase our new Mobile Unit, which will be delivered this summer.

Finally, we have some changes in our executive team. I would like to announce that Mrs. Judy Stallworth, our Chief Operations Officer, is being promoted to Deputy Chief Executive Officer. We will also welcome Dr. Patricia James as our new Chief Operations Officer.

I want to thank our board of directors, staff, and the patients and communities we serve for contributing to our continued growth and success.

With heartfelt thanks,

Charles White

Charles White, CEO
Franklin Primary Health Center, Inc.



Charles White, CEO



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FRANKLIN CELEBRATES MRS. JUDY STALLWORTH'S PROMOTION TO DEPUTY CEO

Mrs. Stallworth, formerly Judy Mitchell, has been a part of the Franklin Primary Family for 23 years, and has served as Chief Operations Officer for 11 years. Throughout her tenure, she has played a vital role in the growth, stability, and day-to-day operations of the organization. Her leadership has helped guide Franklin through major milestones, expanded services, new locations, and continued efforts to meet the health care needs of underserved communities across our service area.

With a background in nursing, quality and decades of executive leadership experience, Mrs. Stallworth brings both clinical knowledge and operational expertise to this new role. She has also earned several professional accomplishments, including board certifications in case management, certified professional in health care quality, and professional coding. Ms. Stallworth is also a 2024 graduate of the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Program



Her work has contributed to Franklin's continued recognition as a Patient-Centered Medical Home and to the organization's reputation for providing quality, accessible health care.

Known for her reliability, strong work ethic, and commitment to Franklin's mission, Mrs. Stallworth has long been a trusted leader within the organization. She has worked closely with Mr. Charles White, Chief Executive Officer, and Franklin's leadership team to support programs, strengthen operations, and ensure that patients continue to receive compassionate care.

Her promotion to Deputy Chief Executive Officer reflects both her many years of dedicated service and the confidence Franklin's leadership has in her ability to help guide the organization into the future.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Judy Stallworth on this well-deserved promotion.

FRANKLIN LAUNCHES SCHOOL-BASED CENTER AT WILLIAMSON HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE GRADES PREPARATORY ACADEMY



Franklin Primary Health Center officially launched its new school-based center at Williamson High School and Middle Grades Preparatory Academy on May 12, marking the latest expansion of its School-Based Health Care program through a partnership with the Mobile County Public School System.

The Mobile County School Board approved the partnership on January 28, 2026. The center now provides on-site access to primary and preventive healthcare services for students, parents, and teachers. By providing care directly on campus, the center helps reduce barriers such as transportation challenges and time away from class while supporting student health, attendance, and overall academic success.

Superintendent Chresal D. Threadgill emphasized the importance of the partnership, stating, "At Mobile County Public Schools, it is our goal to develop our students holistically. This development includes ensuring that our students are healthy. Our partnership with Franklin is a key component to achieving this goal. Franklin assists our district by providing school-based clinics focused on addressing medical needs immediately and conducting screenings as a preventative measure. We are very pleased with this partnership and are looking forward to expanding the partnership into more of our MCPSS schools."

Franklin CEO Charles White highlighted the shared commitment behind the collaboration, noting, "This partnership reflects our shared commitment to meeting students where they are and ensuring they have access to the care they need to thrive. We are grateful for the collaboration and look forward to supporting the health and well-being of students at Williamson High School and Middle Grades Preparatory Academy."

This expansion reinforces Franklin's mission to provide accessible, high-quality care in settings that best serve students, families, and the broader community.

NEW CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER DR. PATRICIA JAMES, PHD



DR. PATRICIA JAMES, PHD
Chief Operations Officer
Franklin Medical Mall

Dr. Patricia James joins Franklin Primary Health Center as Chief Operations Officer with more than 35 years of healthcare experience and approximately 20 years of executive healthcare management experience. Her background includes long-term care administration, quality and risk management, nutrition, health coaching, and patient-centered service delivery.

Dr. James is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, Certified Quality/Risk Manager, Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, Certified Health Coach, Senior Fitness Specialist, and Certified Alabama Nursing Home Preceptor. She brings a strong record of leadership, operational experience, and a passion for helping others. Her experience will support Franklin's continued focus on quality, efficiency, and compassionate care across the organization.

NEW DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DR. LISA WILLIAMS, PHD



DR. LISA WILLIAMS, PHD
Director of Behavioral Health
Franklin Medical Mall

Dr. Williams brings more than 20 years of progressive leadership experience in behavioral health, substance use treatment, and integrated care across Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), outpatient clinics, and community-based systems. In her role, she will lead the development and expansion of behavioral health services, strengthen clinical integration with primary care, and utilize innovative approaches to address mental health and substance use challenges in the community.

Throughout her career, Dr. Williams has demonstrated expertise in building high-performing clinical teams, ensuring regulatory compliance and implementing evidence-based, trauma-informed care models. She has extensive experience in opioid treatment programs, multidisciplinary team leadership, and developing programs that improve patient outcomes while increasing access to care for underserved populations.

NEW CHIEF OF PEDIATRICS DR. CHIQUITA ANDERSON, MD



DR. CHIQUITA ANDERSON, MD
Director of Pediatrics
Franklin Medical Mall

Dr. Anderson is a board-certified pediatrician with more than 16 years of experience providing care across the full spectrum of childhood and adolescent health.

Throughout her career, Dr. Anderson has focused on building strong relationships with children and their families. She has demonstrated success in developing long-term, patient-centered medical homes and collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to improve health outcomes and promote long-term wellness. She is also committed to teaching future physicians and will work with students in Franklin's Family Practice Residency Program.

Dr. Anderson earned her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and completed her residency at Children's Hospital of Michigan, where she served as Chief Pediatric Resident.

REABIE LADUNA, MSN, PMHNP-BC JOINS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TEAM



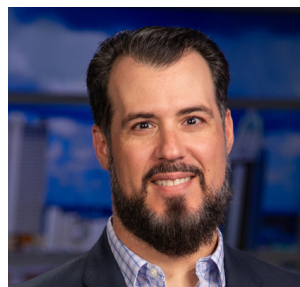
REABIE LADUNA, MSN, PMHNP-BC
Behavioral Health
Franklin Medical Mall

Ms. LaDuna is a board-certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with more than a decade of nursing experience across diverse healthcare settings, including psychiatric care, neonatal intensive care, and medical-surgical units. Her broad clinical background allows her to provide compassionate, evidence-based mental health care while supporting patients through prevention, education, and ongoing treatment.

She earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Walden University and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Mobile. She also completed the Nurse Practitioner Residency Program through the University of South Alabama, further strengthening her expertise in psychiatric and integrated care.

Ms. LaDuna joins a growing Behavioral Health team at Franklin that provides a full continuum of services, including in-person and telehealth appointments, supported by two full-time psychiatrists and a multidisciplinary care team.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING JAY CHALMERS JOINS FRANKLIN MANAGEMENT TEAM



JAY CHALMERS
Director of Marketing
Franklin Medical Mall

Jay Chalmers joins the Franklin Primary Family after spending the past six years as the Marketing Director for WKRQ News 5 in Mobile.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in History from Florida State University before attending the Savannah College of Art & Design for graduate school for Film and Television Production. After working in marketing for local TV stations in multiple Florida markets, he came to the Mobile area in early 2020.

Mr. Chalmers is putting his creative and organizational skills to work to help Franklin Primary Health Center to grow its brand and make an even larger positive impact on the communities we serve.

"I'm honored to join the Franklin Family," said Mr. Chalmers. "It's a blessing to have the opportunity to contribute to Franklin's mission."

NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSING SHERILL F. ALEXANDER, RN, MS



SHERILL F. ALEXANDER, RN, MS
Director of Nursing
Franklin Medical Mall

Sherill F. Alexander joins Franklin Primary Health Center with more than 15 years of experience in healthcare compliance, behavioral health, hospital settings, performance improvement, and clinical leadership.

She previously served as Director of Compliance at AltaPointe Health Systems, where she led compliance and performance improvement programs for behavioral healthcare and Federally Qualified Health Centers. Her background includes regulatory compliance, patient advocacy, corrective action planning, policy development, and quality improvement.

Mrs. Alexander is a Licensed Registered Nurse and holds a Master of Science in Quality Systems Management and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She brings a strong commitment to patient safety, staff development, and continuous improvement to her role at Franklin.

TAMIEKIA CUNNINGHAM-ABRAMS, DNP, CRNP, FNP-C HONORED WITH CITY OF MOBILE HEALTH & WELLNESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

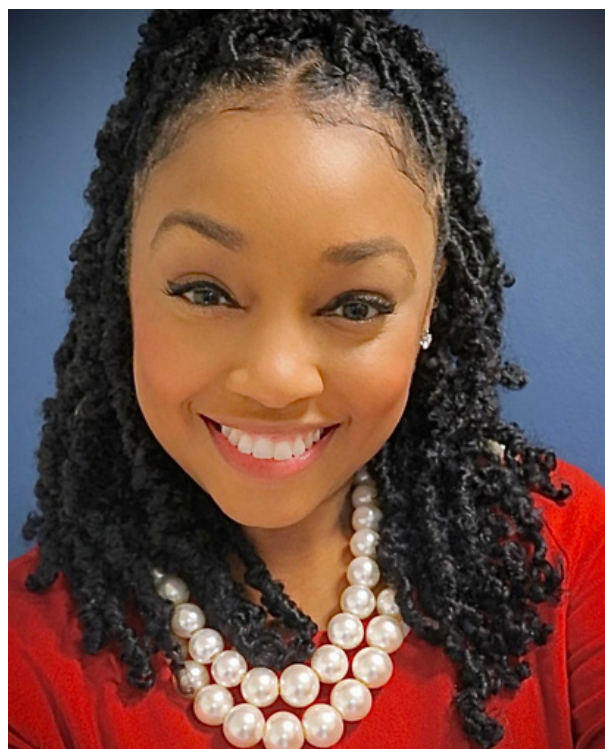
Franklin Primary Health Center is proud to recognize Tamielia Cunningham-Abrams, DNP, CRNP, FNP-C, Chief Nurse Practitioner at Franklin, for being named the recipient of the City of Mobile Health & Wellness Leadership Award during the Women's History Month Changemakers Awards Ceremony.

This special recognition honors Ms. Cunningham-Abrams' unwavering commitment to improving the health and well-being of the community. Through her leadership, service, and dedication to patient care, she continues to make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals and families throughout the Mobile area.

Ms. Cunningham-Abrams represents the very best of our mission in action. Her work reflects a deep commitment to compassionate care, health equity, and service to others. In her role as Chief Nurse Practitioner, she helps support quality patient care while serving as an example of the dedication and professionalism that strengthen Franklin's work each day.

Her recognition is a proud moment for our organization and a reflection of the impact Franklin providers make throughout the community. Her leadership continues to inspire colleagues and patients alike, showing the importance of serving with both excellence and heart. Franklin Primary Health Center is proud to celebrate this well-deserved honor and the example she sets for others in healthcare.

The Women's History Month Changemakers Awards Ceremony was held on March 21, 2026, at Bishop State Community College. The sold-out event served as a powerful reminder of the community's commitment to honoring women whose leadership, service, and dedication are making a lasting difference.



TAMIEKIA CUNNINGHAM-ABRAMS, DNP, CRNP, FNP-C
Chief Nurse Practitioner
Charles White Family Health Center

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FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM BEGINS JULY 1

Franklin Primary Health Center will welcome the first class of residents into its new Family Medicine Residency Program on July 1, 2026. The program has received accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and represents a major milestone for Franklin and the communities it serves.

Beginning this summer, four physicians will join the program and begin seeing Franklin patients. They will be the first of 12 residents who will enter the program over the next three years. Franklin is now one of only two Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education programs in Alabama, further strengthening its commitment to expanding access to primary care and training physicians to serve medically underserved communities.

The program comes at an important time as Alabama continues to face a shortage of primary care physicians. Through hands-on, community-based training, residents will gain experience in chronic disease management, culturally competent care, population health, quality improvement, and the principles of the patient-centered medical home.

"This program will do more than train physicians," said CEO Charles White. "By building this pipeline of compassionate, family-focused physicians, we are directly addressing the shortage of primary care providers throughout Alabama."

Franklin's Family Medicine Residency Program will be led by Program Director Dr. Patricia L. Matto, DO, FACP, FACP, FACP, with support from faculty members Dr. Setimble Lee, DO, Dr. Micah Staples, DO, and Dr. Tetyana Falkenberry, MD, FACP.

"Family medicine is rooted in relationships, trust, and caring for the whole person," said Dr. Matto. "Our goal is to prepare residents to become compassionate, highly skilled physicians who understand the communities they serve and are committed to improving access to quality healthcare."

As Franklin prepares to welcome its first residents, the program marks an exciting new chapter in the organization's history and reinforces Franklin's mission to meet community needs, strengthen access to care, and invest in the future of healthcare across Alabama.

2026 FRANKLIN BUSKEY GALA RAISES \$87,000

The 2026 Franklin Buskey Gala was a historic evening for Franklin Primary Health Center, bringing together more than 500 guests for the largest turnout in the event's history.

Held at the Mobile Convention Center, the gala celebrated more than 50 years of Franklin's service to the community while honoring the enduring legacy of the organization's founders, Dr. James Alexander Franklin, Dr. Marilyn Aiello, and Representative James E. Buskey. The evening served as both a celebration of Franklin's past and present progress and a call to action for the future of community health.

This year's keynote address was delivered by the Honorable Shomari C. Figures, United States Congressman for Alabama's 2nd Congressional District. Congressman Figures, a Mobile native, spoke to the importance of healthcare access, economic opportunity, and public service, reinforcing the role community health centers play in improving outcomes for underserved communities.

The evening also recognized distinguished honorees whose lives and work reflect service, leadership, advocacy, and a commitment to expanding access to care. Honorees included Dr. Cecil Parker Jr., recipient of the Dr. James Alexander Franklin Humanitarian Award; Olivier Charles, recipient of the Charles White Community Service Award; Becky S. Tate, recipient of the Dr. Marilyn Aiello Visionary Healthcare Leadership Award; and Mr. John Finley Jr., who was honored posthumously with the Representative James E. Buskey Public Service & Advocacy Award.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, guests, community partners, and supporters, the 2026 Gala raised more than \$87,000 to support the purchase of Franklin's new mobile medical unit, the Franklin Next Gen Care Express, which is expected to be delivered this summer. The new unit will help Franklin bring care directly into communities where services are needed most.

The success of this year's gala was a powerful reminder of Franklin's journey from its founding in 1975 to its continued role as a trusted provider of care across the region. Franklin Primary Health Center extends sincere thanks to everyone who attended, sponsored, donated, volunteered, and helped make this year's gala such a tremendous success. Your support is helping Franklin continue building healthier communities for generations to come.



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