



Dr. Andrea Weathers (center) and volunteers prepare for COVID-testing at our mobile site at Open Door Clinic in Raleigh

NEIGHBORHEALTH CENTER: BRANCHING OUT TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS IN WAKE COUNTY

Friends,

NeighborHealth Center is not sitting idly by during the COVID-19 Pandemic!

To **support our community** during the pandemic, NHC was awarded a generous grant* allowing us to:

- expand testing for COVID-19 across Wake County

- provide education to suppress the spread of infection
- monitor those tested for the development of symptoms

Recognizing the importance of testing and monitoring **our most vulnerable neighbors** who traditionally lack access to care, we partner with area churches, Urban Ministries Open Door Clinic and the Raleigh Rescue Mission to **provide mobile testing** at their locations. These communities include those with the highest prevalence for COVID-19 infection in Wake County.

After weeks of hard work, collaboration and preparation, **NHC has formed a COVID-19 Mobile Testing Team!** We are grateful for a new van, purchased with grant dollars, to honor our commitment to our community partners.

Our goal is to offer testing each weekday throughout Wake County, carrying out 500 tests weekly across all sites! Currently, **we are testing four days per week—including two sites near NHC.**

Personally, **I can confirm how rewarding this work has been.** The energy and sense of shared purpose against a common foe are immediately noted at the testing table. I receive **words of deep appreciation** from the volunteers assisting us; the community partners hosting us; and the patients themselves—who implore us to keep ourselves safe, even as we serve them.

This work is **so central to loving our community** and responding to its needs, that I cannot help but to think: **“for such a time as this...”** was NeighborHealth begun.

Thank you for your prayers and support!
Dr. Andrea Weathers, MD, DrPH



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