



# HEALTH INITIATIVES

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# MEETING HEALTH NEEDS

## Well-being a Focus

Recognizing the importance of a person's health, Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC) has partnered with Matter Health to offer on-site primary care for residents at four communities. In addition, KCDC plans to collaborate with River Valley Health – formerly Cherokee Health Systems – for the construction of new health centers for residents in two communities.

### Primary Care for Elderly & Disabled

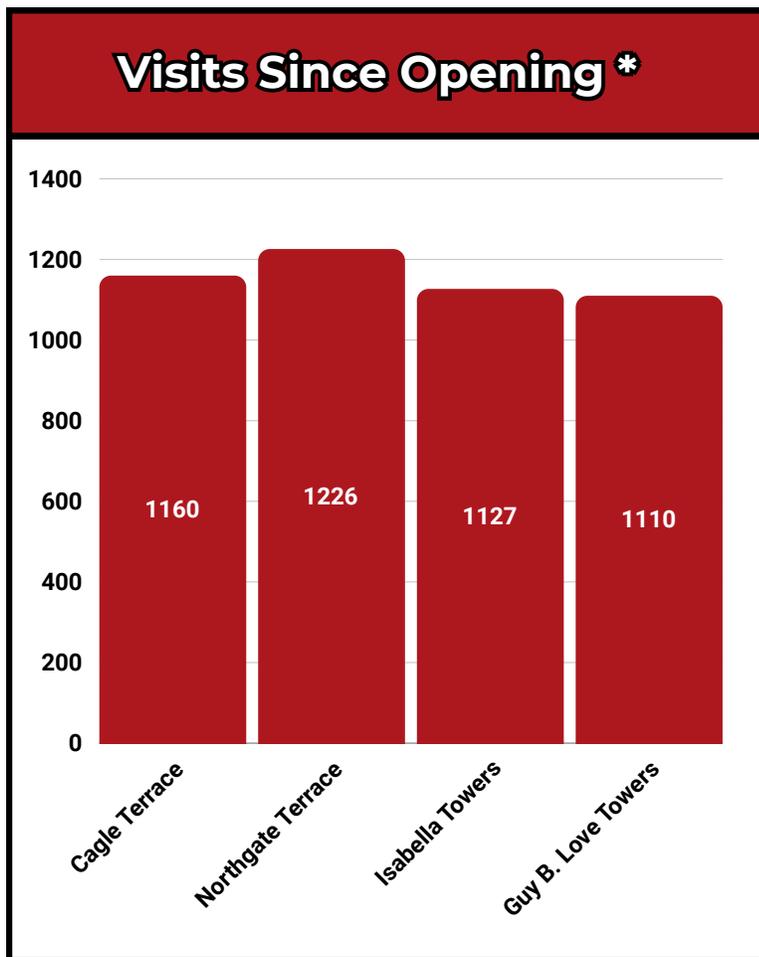
In 2022 and 2023, KCDC and Matter Health opened four high-quality, on-site wellness centers for elderly and disabled residents living in four communities. Each center offers a patient lounge, consultation and virtual health room, and an exam room.

Within the first six months of operation, **30% of residents visited** the centers, and **emergency room visits decreased by 7%** across the four communities during that same time period.



### Current Facilities

- Cagle Terrace (2022)
- Northgate Terrace (2022)
- Isabella Towers (2022)
- Guy B. Love Towers (2023)



\* As of Feb. 23, 2025





# ENHANCING WELLNESS

## By the Numbers

**\$3.25M**

estimated cost to build each freestanding River Valley Health Center

**\$1.9M**

estimated cost to build embedded UT Medical Center clinic

**3,000**

estimated number of people these projects could help each year

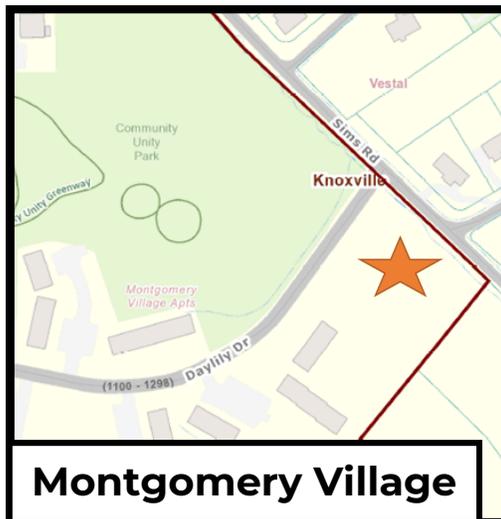
## Plans for the future

### Collaborating to meet a need

KCDC is partnering with River Valley Health, the FQHC, to help expand the health provider's physical presence in the 37915 and 37920 zip codes, specifically for **residents of First Creek at Austin and Montgomery Village**.

This will be done through the construction of a joint facility that aims to address community health and education needs. Health services will be available to children, adults and seniors who have coverage through private insurance plans, coverage through state programs like TennCare or CoverKids, and those who don't have health insurance. Ideally the facility **will open August 2027**.

KCDC is partnering with UT Medical Center to improve health in the 37921 zip code through building a primary care center in the Beaumont and Western Heights neighborhood. Ideally the facility **will open August 2026**.





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