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Looking Back on April at Ocean Health Initiatives

OHI is plunging head-first into the spring season with a stunning lineup of events for their patients and their community. As they headed into their twentieth year of service, OHI hosted multiple vaccine drives and giveaways in parcel with their mission to promote health and wellness through preventive medicine.

On Saturday, April 8th, OHI launched their second annual Easter in the Square event. In partnership with the Lakewood Police Department, NJ Department of Health, JetBlue, and the All Saints Episcopal Church, OHI gave out hundreds of prizes to local families including coloring books, crayons, blankets, and toys with a rocking playlist to get the vibes going. Children's bikes were also given to the winners of a hula hoop contest and egg races. OHI extends its gratitude for the donations given by BMI and Project Linus that helped make these giveaways possible. On top of this, OHI provided FREE COVID tests and vaccines as well as flu shots and blood pressure and glucose screenings to anyone interested at the event. Thankfully, fifty-three vaccines were administered on that day, which helps to lower the risk of preventable diseases.

Later that month, OHI hosted its Loads of Love "Spring Clean" Event in partnership with Aetna Better Health and Project Linus on April 29th. Doing the laundry can be a tedious chore; but OHI pumped up the jam with a DJ and loads of giveaways including blankets, laundry bags, and sixty free loads of laundry to make it a lot better. COVID and flu vaccines were also taken advantage of at this event. With Aetna in attendance, 36 families registered for NJ Family Care, a publicly funded health insurance program for people who can't otherwise access insurance.

OHI has a big roster of events planned for the rest of this year so make sure to check out their socials for the scoop on where they'll be next! Ocean Health Initiatives is a nonprofit, federally qualified health center in Ocean and Monmouth County that provides high quality care to anyone who walks through their doors, regardless of their ability to pay. To schedule an appointment, visit [ohinj.org](http://ohinj.org) today!

**About Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI):** Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) federally qualified health center (FQHC) with seven health centers, a Mobile Medical Unit and two school-based wellness programs in Ocean and Monmouth County. OHI health centers are at 101 Second Street, Lakewood; 10 Stockton Dr, Toms River; 333 Haywood Road, Manahawkin; Manchester, 686 Route 70, Lakehurst; 798 Route 539, Building 3, Little Egg Harbor; 1610 Route 88, Suite 204, Brick; and 20 Jackson Street, Freehold. The school-based wellness programs in Lakewood are in the Clifton Avenue Elementary School, 625 Clifton Avenue; and Lakewood High School, 855 Somerset Avenue, Suite A. The Freehold, Lakewood, Little Egg Harbor and Manchester health centers have pharmacies.

OHI provides comprehensive primary and preventative health and dental care to Ocean and Monmouth County's uninsured, underinsured and insured populations. A sliding-fee scale is available, based on an individual's or family's ability to pay. Services include family and internal medicine, dental, pediatrics, women's health, behavioral health and social services, podiatry and pharmacy services.



OHI has a bilingual staff available to assist patients and callers. To become a patient of OHI, call 732-363-6655. Visit [www.ohinj.org](http://www.ohinj.org) for further information.