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The Time is Right for Social Work: Project H.O.P.E.’s Inspiring Social Work Leaders

Health care is a team sport. Doctors and nurses are important, of course, but care is provided to patients from the moment they call to make an appointment through their final follow up appointment.

In March for Social Work Month, Project H.O.P.E. is shining a light on its team of Social Workers that is essential to maintaining the high level of care it offers and the two extraordinary sisters leading the way.

Andrea and Adrian Thompson are a special pair. The identical twin sisters grew up in Camden in a family with a history of civil rights activism, earned their education and graduate degrees on the campus of Rutgers University-Camden and have built their resumes and expanded their skillsets in health care settings across the city. “Being a product of Camden City, it’s really important for me to give back to the community that played a role in shaping and molding me,” Andrea said. “Adrian and I were raised in a household that championed activism, so the profession of Social Work was already within us.” Working as Licensed Clinical Social Workers allows them opportunities to create impact in the community through advocacy and assistance. Project H.O.P.E. turns no one away for care, so its patients may have a wide range of needs that cannot be treated in an exam room.

Social Workers can step in to provide access to services that the health center may not offer, such as programs for substance use disorders, or housing resources for patients that lack stable housing.

“We provide general support to our patients. The goal is to provide a holistic approach to healing,” Adrian said. “As Social Workers, we are a part of community development, and it is our duty to cause ‘good trouble’ in order to empower and help our patients thrive.”

But the sisters don’t do it alone. At Project H.O.P.E., they oversee a team of Social Workers that share their inspiration and drive for change. This team includes Philip Milby, LCSW, Ernest Stafford, LSW, Brandis Childs, LCSW, and Joselyn Reyes, an Integrated Patient Navigator.

The Thompsons have a message for them. “Being a Social Worker brings great honor and heroism,” Adrian and Andrea said. “This year’s Social Work theme is ‘The Time is Right for Social Work.’ We are honored to be working besides such a remarkable group of Social Workers, who show up in many different ways for our patients.

Social Workers effect change and save lives - and we want to extend, first-handly, a sincere thank you for your service.”