

Sterling Area Health Center celebrating National Health Center Week

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STERLING — On Thursday Aug. 12, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., at the Deep River Township Pavilion, the Sterling Area

Health Center will be celebrating National Health Center Week with free food, games, and prizes.

SAHC Patient Assistant Coordinator Vicki Flanagan said the event will offer something for everyone.

"There will be a fire sim-

ulation) smokehouse for the children to go through, and free health screenings for those people who want to be checked out," she said.

Flanagan said the event will raise money for people who may want to go to the health center, but may not be able to.

"We are going to hold a silent auction to raise money to purchase gas cards and bus tickets for people who can't afford to get to our

facility," she said.

Flanagan said one of the goals of the event will be to make people aware of what SAHC offers.

"Vendors will be on site to tell people about the services we offer," she said. "People will be able to meet staff doctors. If they are new, this is a good way to come out and meet us."

The SAHC is operated with federal grant money, and Flanagan said they offer

many services for the community.

"We offer pharmaceutical services and we have programs like our school success program for high school kids," she said.

CEO Roger Rushlow said the event is a great opportunity to say thank you to the community.

"We want to say thank you for supporting us," he said.

Rushlow added that the

SAHC is a nonprofit organization, but they are still able to give care to the community.

"We give out over a \$1,000,000 in care a year," he said. "Everything is based on a person's ability to pay."

National Health Center Week will be celebrated across the United States in over 400 locations.

For more information call Flanagan at 989-654-2491.