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NAYELI CHAVIRA COMPLETES APPRENTICESHIP AT SDH

SATANTA, KS — Satanta District Hospital is happy to share the completion of their first apprenticeship, Nayeli Chavira, who went through the pharmacy technician program while working at the Satanta Retail Pharmacy. Ms. Chavira recently passed her CPht test while completing the apprenticeship, allowing her to become a certified pharmacy technician (CPht).

The apprenticeship program at Satanta District Hospital is a program offered through a Kansas Department of Labor Kansas Works grant. The program requires employees to be employed at SDH for at least six months, continue employment at SDH after the program, and have a high school diploma/GED. Through the grant, SDH pays for the online program for the apprentice to obtain his/her certificate or degree, leaving no financial burden on the apprentice.

Apprentices are allowed five hours per week to study at work. They keep their current work schedule and pay allowing them to “earn as they learn.” By studying while working, apprentices get both hands-on experience through their job and theoretical training through the online program expediting how quickly they learn and become of service to the surrounding community.

In addition to experience and training, apprentices receive two pay increases. The first pay increase is offered when they complete 50% of their classes, and the second is offered after finishing the program. This pay increase structure is designed to keep apprentices engaged in their studies to complete the program.

Satanta District Hospital is excited about the opportunity to both invest in young talent from the surrounding community that wants to stay close to home but also gain the

knowledge and experience needed to be of service and to increase the number of talented professionals in rural health which is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure but even more necessary today.

SDH will continue to offer apprenticeship programs as long as staff are needed. If interested in learning more about apprenticeship opportunities at SDH, reach out to the Director of HR, Veronica Heredia at (620) 682-8426 Ext. 247.