

***Congratulation to Mary Heinzen, Executive Director
Receiving Susan P. Smith Award from
Tennessee Primary Care Association***



Shown in picture left to right, Director of Nursing, Casandra Bufford, CFO/COO Linda Lovelace, CEO Mary Heinzen , Practice Administrator, Denise Bond and Program Manager, Robert Davis Jr.

This award, named in honor of Susan P. Smith, recognizes outstanding contributions in advancing health center programs and working to strengthen the partnerships between health centers and Association staff. The TPCA staff selects the receipt of this award. Smith was a certificated family nurse practitioner and a member of the U.S. Public Health Service Commission Corps. In the mid-70s, she provided nursing services to a community health center in Bean Station, Tennessee. She also helped organize the Association and served on its board as an officer and director for three years.

From TPCA—Mary Heinzen, CEO of HCCHC, has demonstrated exemplary leadership at Hardeman County, facilitating growth and success for her staff and the communities Hardeman services. In recent months, this has been accomplished through a dynamic and thoughtful approach to nutrition services provided through telehealth, in partnership with TPCA and Dietitian Association in Memphis, Tenn. Mary's leadership, and Hardeman's participation in nutrition initiative, has empowered her staff to positively engage patients, resulting in several patients reducing HbA1c levels and BMI. Additionally, those patients have the same opportunity to learn clean eating habits with fresh ingredients from Hardeman's Community Garden in Stanton.

