

## **Soundbite Script – On the Road Again**

**Lauren Theis, Director of Community Engagement, OSF HealthCare**

“The King Care-A-Van gives us the opportunity to get out into rural communities and serve community members that has the barrier of transportation. This is a unique opportunity that we get to go and serve them, rather than they come to a brick and mortar building that might not be close by or they might not be able to access. The King Care-A-Van is on the road to care for our community members where they’re at.”

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“We wanted to make sure to serve these populations as safely as possible. We did take it off the road for a few months and re-evaluated it and asked ourselves how can we get out there and serve our communities. Last summer, we supported a partnership with the Community Health Partnerships of Illinois to provide COVID testing to migrant workers. We did that for quite a few months and then we were able to secure PPE and get specific guidelines to make sure we were keeping ourselves and patients safe on the van and at that point we decided to get back out there and start this program back up again.”

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“We are so grateful to the King family for providing us the OSF King Care-A-Van. It has really given us the chance to break down the barrier of transportation and get out into the community and provide care to the underserved and community members that we might not have seen before. We are very fortunate to have this type of care. It’s something we don’t have everywhere and it’s a great opportunity for us.”

**Lauren Theis, Director of Community Engagement, OSF HealthCare**

“When we can get the King Care-A-Van out in the community it’s always a special event, no matter how many people we see. We’re always out there finding different populations and underserved community members.”