



The High Value of a Community Health Center in Southwest Utah By Lori Wright, CEO, Family Healthcare

Based on the belief that health is a personal asset rather than a social entitlement, America's health care safety net for providing integrated primary care and public health services for low-income and uninsured Americans is the Community Health Center (CHC). Designed as a hand up not a handout, this nonprofit model ensures those without insurance or facing economic hardship can access primary health care while investing—to the best of their ability—in their own health.

Washington and Iron counties have approximately 35,706 residents under the age of sixty-five without health insurance, and 25,755 residents living in poverty. This is well above the Utah

rate of 10.8 percent without health insurance and 8.9 percent living in poverty. The largest group living in poverty are women, ages nineteen to forty-five, and are significantly female headed households with children.

Family Healthcare, the region's CHC organization since 2002, served 15,000 patients in 2021—6 percent of the populations of Washington and Iron counties. Without the integrated medical, behavioral, and dental care offered by Family Healthcare, these residents would struggle to access primary health care services.

Family Healthcare is also one of the most efficient cost-per-encounter

providers of service in Utah. RN case managers help ensure affordability, which allows patients to contribute to their care through decision making, priority setting, and paying a portion of the cost based on income and family size.

In this rapidly developing region, Family Healthcare must be ready to serve a growing population of service sector workers and their families as well as retirees and many others in need of accessible primary health care. Expecting 26,000 patients annually by 2026, the Family Healthcare Board of Directors made the decision to embark on the construction of a new clinic, set to open in Spring 2022.



About the Author

Lori Wright is the CEO of Family Healthcare. With more than twenty-five years of experience in community health, she is passionate about developing equity, where everyone is able to access high quality integrated primary health care. Family Healthcare's mission is Making Lives Better, and as CEO, Lori's efforts are focused on improving the overall health of patients and the communities that Family Healthcare serves.

Lori serves on a variety of committees across the state and throughout Washington and Iron Counties, including the St. George Area Chamber Board of Governors, Dixie Tech Pharmacy Tech Advisory Committee, and Association of Community Health Center's Board. She also serves as co-chair of the AUCH Health Center Control Network. She is a Certified Medical Practice Executive by the American College of Medical Practice Executives and has received a BS in Community/Public Health and a Master of Public Administration from the Marriott School of Management

This 33,000 square foot clinic, located at 2300 Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah, will ensure a continued focus on integrated patient-centered care, making it possible for a patient to access medical, behavioral, and dental care in one visit. The new clinic will offer patients a health care home with expanded treatment options, an onsite discount pharmacy, and a space for community activities

while still providing the services on which patients currently rely. Many more Southwest Utah residents will experience the compassionate care that Family Healthcare patients count on today, right here in our community.

A proud member of Utah's nonprofit community, Family Healthcare depends on community support. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to contribute

more than \$5 million in donated and subsidized health care services for those with the greatest need

Right now, we urgently need community support for the new Family Healthcare Riverside Drive clinic. Please help us grow to be ready to serve the primary health care needs of the hard-working service sector employees, the single moms, the elderly, and the most vulnerable in our community.

Growing Healthy and Strong Together

We urgently need community support for the new Family Healthcare Riverside Drive Clinic



There are many ways to give:

- Give online at familyhc.org/donate.
- Scan the QR code.
- Text FAMHC to 50155.
- Call Jane in the Family Healthcare development department at 435-251-0866.

Donations of any amount will be put to good use for the health of our community. A \$50 donation includes an inscribed brick on the pathway to health at the new clinic, while sponsorship of a treatment room includes a donor recognition plaque.

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