



Salina Regional Health Foundation

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Campaign for Donna L. Vanier Children’s Center reaches \$6 million goal, construction to begin this month

(September 17, 2010) – The Salina Regional Health Foundation’s efforts to raise \$6 million for the new Donna L. Vanier Children’s Center have exceeded its initial goal. The Every Child Matters capital campaign has raised \$6,058,719 to date, including a lead gift from Jack and Donna Vanier and an \$800,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla.

Participation in the campaign has been broad, including children, adults, businesses churches, civic groups, foundations and others.

“Once again, our community has shown its generosity,” said Dave Sellers, Salina Regional Health Foundation board chair. “This is what makes our community so special. We come together to help others.”

The Children’s Center will serve as home to three separate, but inter-related children’s programs including Salina Regional Health Center’s Infant-Child Development Program, Child Advocacy and Parenting Services (CAPS) and the Salina Child Care Association.

Construction of the single-story, 27,000 square foot facility to be located at 155 N. Oakdale will take approximately 14 months to complete. Salina architect Warren Ediger has completed design plans for the facility and Busboom & Rauh Construction, Salina, will serve as general contractor for the project. Site preparation and demolition work for the project will begin this month.

While the initial campaign goal has been met, additional donations for the project are still being sought to establish an endowment that will assist in maintenance of the facility for years to come.

Contributions to the Every Child Matters Campaign may be made through the Salina Regional Health Foundation by calling (785) 452-6088.

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