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How OSF HealthCare is building a lasting relationship through love and service

## Healthy Village to focus on wellness through mix of medical and social services

Upon opening OSF HealthCare Center for Health - Streator in 2016, OSF HealthCare embraced the opportunity to improve when the patient needs it. the way care is delivered

This approach leverages technology to create community engagement and access to care where and

Recognizing that OSF

Ken Beutke showing community members a floor plan for OSF HealthCare Center for Health - Streator.

and pave a healthier path for rural communities.

By partnering with the city of Streator and local social service agencies, OSF HealthCare has been working to create a new, sustainable framework for rural health care.

**OSF HealthCare Center** for Health - Streator offers a variety of medical services under one roof:

- anticoagulation clinic
- · behavioral health
- cardiac services & rehab
- diagnostic imaging
- emergency services
- general surgery clinic
- · laboratory services
- lung & pulmonology
- · occupational health
- orthopedics
- outpatient services & infusion
- podiatry
- primary care
- rehab therapy services (physical, occupational, speech)
- respiratory therapy • sports medicine
- women's health

111 Spring Street Streator, IL

HealthCare could not create a culture for better health in Streator on its own, the organization looked for ways to partner with other agencies to ensure access to services closer to home. With their plans to renovate the existing Center for Health site came the idea to imple- Ken Beutke, President of ment a "healthy village" concept and offer space for other agencies to co-locate under one roof.

"Providing safe and quality health care isn't just limited to what we, as health care professionals, can offer," said Don Damron, Vice-President of Ambulatory Services for OSF HealthCare Center for Health - Streator. "Many of the factors for achieving health and wellness rely upon having access to a number of support agen cies and services."

Within the past 12-18 months, the LaSalle County Health Department's Family Case Management and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) programs, as well as North Central Behavioral Health and the American Cancer Society Patient Resource Center, teamed up with OSF HealthCare to

grant additional resources to the Streator community. Each organization currently staffs an office within the Center for Health campus.

"We are very excited to locate our offices at the OSF Center for Health -Streator and to partner with OSF HealthCare in this innovative model of improving the health status of Streator area residents," stated Don Miskowiec, President of North Central Behavioral Health. "Behavioral health services are a critical part of the health care system, and through the new OSF approach in co-locating a variety of health care and social service organizations variety of services. in one location, we know that our communities will benefit immensely."





OSF HealthCare Center for Health - Streator, and Don Damron, Vice-President of Ambulatory Services

Renovations are currently underway to transform the Center for Health site into a hub that - in addition to caring for the physical and mental health of individuals -

strives to positively shape the environment, the lifestyle choices and the social and economic status of the entire community.

By the summer of 2019, the newly updated facility will feature additional areas for social service agencies and community-based organizations to co-locate under one roof. Recognizing that transportation is a challenge for many residents, the facility will serve as a convenient space for health and wellness close to home, without the need for travel. As partnerships continue to develop within the healthy village, the Streator community should see increased access to a

"The healthy village will impact generations to come," stated Ken Beutke, president of OSF Health-Care Center for Health - Streator. "It is our hope that the youth will begin to see the interconnectivity between the medical and social aspects of care and will become more personally responsible for their health and wellness."

Through increased attention to personal health and wellness, OSF HealthCare hopes to empower Streator residents to live a healthier lifestyle with reduced need for traditional medical services.





Opening an outpatient facility at 111 Spring Street in 2016 was just the beginning of an expanded commitment to the Streator community by OSF HealthCare. As renovations to OSF HealthCare Center for Health - Streator continue, so does collaboration between the health care ministry and the community. We're partnering with local leaders and organizations to offer residents better access to health and wellness resources. This article is one of a nine-part series honoring the Streator Sesquicentennial. Watch for more stories as we celebrate a community we're proud to call home.