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United Hospital District Breaks Ground on Fairmont Clinic Expansion
Added space will increase services and technology

Blue Earth, MN – September 19, 2023 – United Hospital District and Clinics (UHD) recently broke ground on an 8,350 square foot expansion project on their property located at 1950 Center Creek Drive in Fairmont, which will be the future site of UHD Fairmont Clinic. UHD administrators and medical staff hosted a small ceremony with key community leaders to celebrate the start of construction.

“Not only do we need more space for patient care,” UHD CEO Rick Ash told the crowd, “We also want to take advantage of the opportunity to provide additional services to the Fairmont area as we continue to grow into the future.”

The site, currently known as Dulcimer Medical Center, was purchased by UHD in December 2021 with intent to relocate their existing Fairmont clinic into the space in March 2024. Since the purchase, UHD has been working on an expansion and transition plan, which includes identifying both physical and service-based needs at the site.

The expansion will add 5,300 sf of new space on the first floor and 3,050 sf of new basement space. Key features include 12 new exam rooms, two new offices, two new nurses’ stations, and two new enhanced procedure rooms, which will allow for additional types and numbers of office-based procedures. Additional technological features are also being installed in areas of the existing building, including improved infection control capabilities, and upgraded phone, internet, and safety systems.

Speaking about the significance of the project, Mr. Ash voiced UHD’s commitment to keeping healthcare local. “This expansion represents more than simple bricks and mortar for UHD. It embodies our dedication to providing the highest standard of care to the people we serve as close to home as possible. As we break ground on this project, we celebrate not only a deepening of our bond with the people of Fairmont and surrounding areas, but also a significant investment into the future of UHD’s independence and strength going forward.”

The expansion project is expected to take approximately six to eight months. When complete, it will be connected to the original building, which was constructed in 2008.

United Hospital District (www.uhd.org), based in Blue Earth, MN, is an independent system of care comprised of a 25-bed acute care hospital, comprehensive outpatient services, ambulance service and a home health/hospice care program, all supported by a 25-plus multi-specialty provider group with three clinic locations across two counties. UHD was recognized as a 2023 Best Small Hospital Under 25 Beds and a 2022 Top 200 Workplace in Minnesota.

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(Photo attached)



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UHD Fairmont Clinic Expansion Project Groundbreaking
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UHD personnel and key community leaders break ground on an 8,350 sq. ft. expansion project at the future site of UHD Fairmont Clinic. Pictured left to right is:

Timothy Soelter, PA-C; Chad Helmstetter, PA-C; Dr. Timothy Bachenberg; Dr. Aaron Johnson, UHD Chief of Medical Staff; Dr. Christopher Gran; Sue Hassing, RN, UHD Clinic Manager; Kaylynn Steinkamp, PA-C; Taylor Landkamer, FNP; Kandi Menne, President, Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce; Rick Ash, UHD Chief Executive Officer; Bruce Larson, BWBR Architects; Melissa Storbeck, RN, UHD Chief Nursing Officer; Ted Armon, UHD Facility Maintenance Manager; Eric Baarts, RW Carlstrom Co (General Contractor); Brian Ruschy, Construction Consultant.