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New St. Paul Clinic Awarded First LEED® Silver Certification in Minnesota

SAINT PAUL, MN (November 5, 2009) — United Family Medicine, located in the Peter J. King Family Health Center, has been awarded LEED® Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. Designed by Pope Architects and built by McGough Construction, United Family Medicine is the first clinic in the state to receive this level of certification. The 32,000-square-foot, two-story facility, located at Randolph Avenue and West 7th Street in Saint Paul, opened in March 2009. Since opening at its new location, the clinic has served more than 2,100 new patients. Collaborations with public, private and government agencies diversified the project's funding sources. These supporters included a lead donor, gift of a parking ramp, Saint Paul Cultural STAR Grant, and over 13,000 foundations, corporations, and individuals.



“Saint Paul and its businesses have come together to make a real impact bringing investments in our neighborhoods and protecting our environment. The new clinic is an asset for the growing community and its residents, and it carries on our initiative to make Saint Paul a leader for sustainable development,” said Mayor Chris Coleman.

United Family Medicine is a nonprofit, community-based clinic that provides primary health care, health promotion and outreach services to a diverse population, many of whom struggle to gain access to quality medical care. United Family Medicine provides this access to comprehensive primary care to all persons in our community, regardless of the ability to pay. Although the clinic established itself independently in 2004 (then known as United Family Practice Health Center), its roots go back to the 1930s and the Wilder Free Clinic. The mission of United Family Medicine is to serve and to teach. With this dual mission, the United Family Medicine Residency Program began operating at United Family Medicine in 1993. The program is a major component of the new facility, which includes a dedicated area for the residents with integrated training and support spaces.

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“The new facility is built with patient comfort, privacy and ease of use in mind. And we’re thrilled with the design and structure, in keeping with the historical integrity of the West 7th Street neighborhood,” said Jeanne Bailey, CEO of United Family Medicine.

The facility design provides convenient access for patients utilizing both public and private transportation, and includes spaces for after-hours community use.

It includes spacious registration and waiting areas which maximize the use of natural light, as well as space planning and signage designed to ease way-finding for the clinic’s culturally diverse patient population.

Some other notable features include:

- Energy efficiency 18% greater than required by building codes, and an annual water savings of 26% over conventional buildings. Day-lighting, enhanced building envelope design, high efficiency mechanical systems, and high efficiency plumbing fixtures contribute to the savings.
- A recycled material content of 21%, calculated as a percentage of total material cost. Twenty-five percent of all materials were regionally-sourced, and 90% of all construction waste materials were recycled.
- Indoor air quality is maintained through the use of low VOC paints, carpeting, adhesives and coatings, as well as inclusion of construction-phase and pre-occupancy ventilation and air quality programs.

For more information about United Family Medicine, please visit www.unitedfamilymedicine.org

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