



**Sanford Children's Clinics  
Klamath Falls, Oregon  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q: Why is Sanford Health from Sioux Falls, South Dakota building a clinic in Klamath Falls, OR?**

A: In February 2007, South Dakota businessman and philanthropist Denny Sanford set a standard in healthcare philanthropy with a transformational [gift](#) to Sanford Health. As part of the announcement, Sanford Health announced that gift would fund several initiatives. One of those initiatives involved establishing a network of [Sanford Children's Clinics](#) around the world in rural and urban communities seeking to expand access to pediatric care. The clinic in Klamath Falls is expected to open in 2012.

**Q: What are the details of the clinic in Klamath Falls, OR?**

A: Opening in 2012, the clinic will include partnerships with Sky Lakes Medical Center, the JELD-WEN Foundation and a local pediatric practice (Klamath Pediatric Clinic) whose physicians will subsequently join the Sanford Children's Clinic. This practice will include four to six primary care pediatricians. It will serve a community and broader metropolitan area of 45,000, including more than 5,000 children. Further, it will provide pediatric services for children in a four-county market service area in Oregon and California.

**Q: What organizations and individuals are making this clinic in Klamath Falls, OR possible?**

A: One of the site selection requirements for a Sanford Children's Clinic is local contribution to match the approximately \$2.5 million investment that Sanford Health will bring to each project. In Klamath Falls, the JELD-WEN Foundation is leading an effort and coordinating response among the grant-making community foundations of the state to garner this matching support. Current commitments from Oregon-based community partners exceed \$1.225 million. Sky Lakes Medical Center will help facilitate the donation of land on which the clinic can be developed and will also provide ancillary lab and imaging resources when the clinic opens.

**Q: Who is TEAM Klamath?**

A: TEAM Klamath is a term given to representatives from Klamath County, the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Community College, Lake Employment Training Institute, Klamath Community Development Corporation, Klamath County Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. TEAM Klamath works to ensure the best utilization of scarce funds in the region.

**Q: How will this clinic be connected to Sanford Children's?**

A: Sanford Health believes that care is best provided close to home. Patients will be seen and treated by providers in the new Sanford Children's Clinics in Klamath Falls, OR. In addition, physicians in the new clinics will be closely connected to the team of pediatric physicians at Sanford Children's who are specially trained in a wide variety of pediatric subspecialties.

**Q: What other clinics make up Sanford Children's Clinics?**

A: The original goal of one of the initiatives outlined after Mr. Sanford's gift was to establish five world clinics in ten years. The scope of the project has grown to include potential development in more communities globally. The intent of the Sanford Children's Clinic initiative is to place pediatric clinics in communities throughout the world in order to expand access to pediatric care for children who might otherwise go without.

The first location in Duncan, Oklahoma opened August 2009 and brought the community its only pediatrician. The 8,000-square-foot clinic resembles a castle and was designed with regard to the environment. The clinic was built using Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) standards and uses green features, including water-efficient landscaping, recycled content, regional materials, high-efficiency fixtures and low-emitting materials.

Construction of the first international clinic is underway after a groundbreaking in May in Belize City, Belize. This clinic will open by the summer of 2011 and be designed in a castle theme similar to other Sanford Children's facilities. Belize is a country with about 320,000 people with 160,000 of them children. The clinic building will be approximately 9,000 square feet and be shared with Belize Healthcare Partners Limited. The hospital will use its portion of the building for outpatient services for adults.

In partnership with Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego, the Sanford Children's clinic in Oceanside, CA is made possible by a \$2.5 million donation from Pamela and Martin Wygod and the Rose Foundation. Sanford Children's and Rady Children's will share space in a 28,500-square-foot building. Sanford Children's will open a general pediatric clinic, and Rady Children's will consolidate four nearby specialty clinics into the facility. The entire facility is expected to open spring 2011.

**Q: Where will the next Sanford Children's Clinics open?**

A: Sanford Health is currently researching and considering a number of locations, both in North America and worldwide. Sanford Health is seeking partner organizations with which to procure the donation of land and philanthropic support for the initial capital investments in each community. Sanford will work collaboratively for the retention and greater draw of patient populations by applying its world-class patient care model and physician-centric operations. This initiative is designed to provide general pediatric care in areas otherwise underserved.

**Q: Who is Sanford Health-MeritCare?**

A: Sanford Health-MeritCare consists of two long-standing health systems in the Dakotas who merged in 2009; Sanford Health based in Sioux Falls, SD and MeritCare based in Fargo, ND. The largest, rural, not-for-profit healthcare system in the nation, Sanford Health-MeritCare serves six states (North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma). It includes 30 hospitals with a total of 1,600 beds, as well as more than 800 physicians in numerous clinics in more than 70 specialty areas of medicine. With 18,000 employees, Sanford Health-MeritCare is the largest employer in North and South Dakota. For more information, visit [www.sanfordmeritcare.com](http://www.sanfordmeritcare.com).