**Sheperd Integrative Dermatology Unveils Sustainably Designed Medical Facility**

*Dermatology practice bringing community together for grand opening event April 21*

CHARLESTON, SC, April 21, 2016 — [Sheperd Integrative Dermatology](http://www.mcleansheperdmd.com/) is debuting its new facility and community of practice at its grand opening today in Mount Pleasant. The integrative dermatology practice sought to make its physical environment congruent with its approach to health and beauty services by garnering energy onsite from solar panels, harvesting rainwater, installing safer alternatives to building products, and introducing other leading edge features.

Led by Dr. McLean Sheperd, Sheperd Integrative Dermatology comprises a team of specialists that advocate a whole body approach to skin wellness, combining traditional medicine with other complimentary practices. Dr. Sheperd and her team address the unique physiology of each patient from many aspects, including dietary, environmental, emotional and hormonal factors. The new facility showcases their commitment to provide a healthy haven for total healing.

“We can no longer consider human health in the absence of planetary health,” said Dr. Sheperd. “That is what inspired us to consciously build an exterior façade that matched our restorative healing practice. Both staff and patients will be able to enjoy nature, proactively embrace positive health, and be surrounded by a nontoxic environment. We’re more than your typical dermatology practice, we are offering a community for healing.”

The facility, which is located on a bucolic setting at 912 Old Georgetown Road in Mount Pleasant, features areas of concrete flooring for better energy efficiency, as well as wood flooring. Nontoxic insulation, sustainably sourced furniture, and energy efficient windows improve indoor air quality, and the windows in almost every room connect the inside to nature for restorative healing.

Sheperd Integrative Dermatology’s new home features 100% LED lighting. The rooftop solar system aims to generate over 30 percent of the clinic’s power. Rainwater is harvested for irrigation, and a permeable parking lot assists with stormwater drainage. A community garden and beehive engage and inform the community about more sustainable practices, blending nature with healing. Other conscious design elements include featuring grand oak trees throughout and a walking meditation labyrinth. The interior includes a community space for yoga and mediation and an overall design that illustrates respect for the local environment.

The grand opening event will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6.15 p.m. this evening. Key members from the design and build team will be on hand to answer questions, including Tupper Construction, Eddie Bello, McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture, and Laverne Designs. The event will feature live music, local food and drinks, an interactive photo booth, and giveaways. A community raffle will support The Village Cooperative, a non-profit organization dedicated to the creation and support of income-generating projects in the developing world.

For more information about services offered by Sheperd Integrative Dermatology or its newly improved facility, please visit [McLeanSheperdMD.com](http://www.mcleansheperdmd.com/) or call (843) 216.3530.

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**About Sheperd Integrative Dermatology**

Sheperd Integrative Dermatology offers traditional dermatological services paired with alternative and complementary practices based upon the tenets of integrative medicine. In private practice for over 15 years, Dr. McLean Sheperd partners with each patient to treat the mind, body and spirit. This multidimensional tactic brings new light to the traditional treatment of cancers, infections, and inflammatory conditions. Sheperd Integrative Dermatology is located in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.