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Children's Hospital and Next Door Foundation take steps to provide better care in our community

MILWAUKEE (7/12/10) — Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and the Next Door Foundation, two of Milwaukee's leading advocates for children, will break ground Wednesday, July 14, on a new 7,700 square-foot Children's Hospital of Wisconsin medical and dental center, scheduled to open in spring 2011. Children's Medical Group-Next Door Pediatrics, a member of the Children's Hospital family, currently provides medical care to children at Next Door Foundation as well as those from the Metcalfe Park neighborhood. Next Door Pediatrics will move into the new building alongside the new dental center. KBS is the construction company, and the architect for the project is Epstein Uhen Architects.

"More than 70 percent of Wisconsin's low-income children go without oral health care, and poor oral health has a significant impact on a child's overall health, well-being and ability to learn," said Peggy Troy, MSN, RN, president and CEO of Children's Hospital and Health System. "The Next Door Foundation, and Alderman and Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., have been instrumental in making this vital project a reality. Accessible, quality dental care is critical to every child's health."

"The expanded facility, combined with new dental services, will allow us to fulfill a broader range of health care needs for the children in our community," said Carol Keintz, executive director, Next Door Foundation. "The Next Door Foundation is proud to be part of this collaborative effort in Milwaukee."

Children's Hospital currently provides dental care at two locations in Milwaukee, with a clinic at Children's Hospital and one within the Downtown Health Center, 1020 N. 12th Street. In 2009, the clinics had more than 11,000 patient visits.

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About Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, founded in 1894, is recognized as one of the leading pediatric health care centers in the United States. It is rated No. 3 in the nation by *Parents* magazine and named one of America's Best Children's Hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin is a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center verified by the American College of Surgeons. The hospital has been redesignated a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, a national honor that recognizes nursing excellence. Private, independent and not-for-profit, the hospital serves children and families from Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, northern Illinois and beyond. Children's Hospital is the flagship member of Children's Hospital and Health System. In 2008, the health system invested more than \$114 million into the community to improve the health status of children. For more information, visit the website at www.chw.org <<http://www.chw.org>> .

About Children's Medical Group

Children's Medical Group provides a network of primary care pediatricians throughout southeastern Wisconsin and oversees the School Health Services Program and other health centers for children in Milwaukee's central city. Next Door Pediatrics was established in 1999 at Next Door Foundation and serves more than 2,000 children annually. Children's Medical Group is a member of Children's Hospital and Health System. For more information, visit the Web site at www.childrensmedicalgroup.org. Next Door Pediatrics is the only pediatric clinic focusing a practice in a community where 17,000 children live.

About Next Door Foundation

Next Door Foundation supports the intellectual, physical, spiritual and emotional development of children so they become self-sufficient, contributing members of the community. Begun in 1969, Next Door Foundation serves 2,150 central city children, youth and their parents each year. It is supported by volunteers from the greater Milwaukee community and carries out its mission through a combination of public and private funding, volunteers, collaborators and a highly trained and dedicated staff.

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