

## **Cook Children's Celebrates Opening of New Location in West Fort Worth with Family-Friendly Fall Festival**

*Grand Opening of Cook Children's Walsh Ranch Scheduled for Nov. 2*

**Fort Worth, TX (October 28, 2019)** – Cook Children's Health Care System is celebrating the grand opening of its new pediatric and urgent care clinic near the WALSH development in far west Fort Worth. On Nov. 2, the public is invited to attend a 'Fall Festival' from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests can take a tour of the new rehabilitation gym inside the 40,000 square-foot facility, which includes primary and urgent care offices as well as an orthopedics and sports medicine specialty clinic. There will also be games, activities and food available.

Cook Children's Walsh Ranch is located on an eight-acre site south of Interstate 30, across from the growing WALSH neighborhood, and is accessible from Walsh Ranch Parkway south of I-30 and the I-30 access road. Families in Tarrant County, Parker County and underserved areas reaching into West Texas will benefit from this expansion.

"The decision to build a new Cook Children's location in west Fort Worth is an extension of our 'Promise,' which is to improve the health of every child in our region," said Mr. Rick Merrill, President and CEO of Cook Children's Health Care System. "With our urgent care locations currently seeing as many as 400 patients a day, we believe the Walsh Ranch facility will help ease the high urgent care volumes while increasing pediatric care services in this high growth area."

The orthopedic and sports medicine clinic offers easy access to a fully-integrated pediatric and adolescent sports care system. Same-day appointments are available to evaluate injuries and receive treatment. X-rays, casting, orthotics, physical therapy and return-to-sport testing are conveniently provided Monday through Friday.

In step with Cook Children's dedication to innovation, special attention is being given to the facility's technology infrastructure. Like many of Cook Children's clinics across Texas, plans are in place to offer telemedicine services so patients can be seen by their physician via a private video conferencing system. This prevents families from taking unnecessary time away from work and school to travel to appointments.

Preservation of the surrounding natural landscape – the site is located along the 7,200-acre rolling prairies of the Walsh Ranch property – is also a priority as Cook Children's plans for future development in west Fort Worth.

**\*\*Media is invited to attend the ribbon cutting and VIP reception at 10 a.m. on Nov. 2.**

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**About Cook Children's**

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're proud of our long and rich tradition of serving our community.

Our not-for-profit organization encompasses nine companies – a medical center, two surgery centers, a physician network, home health services and a health plan. It also includes Child Study Center at Cook Children's, Cook Children's Health Services Inc., and Cook Children's Health Foundation. With more than 60 primary, specialty and urgent care locations throughout Texas, families can access our top-ranked specialty programs and network of services to meet their unique needs.

We've worked to improve the health of children from across our primary service area of Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties for more than 100 years. Based on the exceptional care we provide, patients travel to Cook Children's from around the country and the globe to receive life-saving pediatric care built on leading technology, extraordinary collaboration and the art of caring.

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