

## Cook Children's Opens New Location in Town of Prosper with Family-Friendly Fall Festival

Grand Opening of Cook Children's Pediatrics Windsong and Urgent Care Scheduled for Oct. 26

**Prosper, TX (October 16, 2019)** – Cook Children's Health Care System is celebrating the grand opening of its new pediatric and urgent care clinic in the Town of Prosper. On Oct. 26, the public is invited to attend a 'Fall Fest' from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Guests can take a tour of the new 18-room facility and meet physicians and staff. There will also be games, activities and food available.

The grand opening marks the end of Phase I for Cook Children's Medical Center – Prosper, which is located on a 23-acre site at Windsong Parkway and Highway 380. Phase II of construction is currently underway with an outpatient surgery center and specialty clinic, including imaging and lab services, set to open on the North Campus in the spring of 2020. A new inpatient pediatric hospital consisting of a pediatric intensive care unit, emergency department, operating rooms and medical/surgical unit will open in 2022.

"Our population is expanding daily with approximately 30 families per week moving into Prosper," said Mayor Ray Smith with the Town of Prosper. "These families with young children expect to be able to access good health care in the immediate area. The addition of Cook Children's is the perfect solution. We are pleased to be able to tell our young moms and dads that there is a top-notch resource right here in Prosper."

Currently, Cook Children's operates eight primary care offices in and around the Town of Prosper. The expansion near Windsong Ranch marks the first time in Cook Children's 101 year history that a full-service hospital has been built outside of Fort Worth.

"Cook Children's has long been known for its seamless, coordinated care and culture of caring," said Mr. Rick Merrill, President and CEO of Cook Children's Health Care System. "We're excited to open our new primary and urgent care facilities, knowing they are just the next step in our long-term plan for this area of North Texas. Our full intent is to expand our integrated delivery model while offering leading edge technology and services that create an outstanding patient and family experience."

As one of the largest freestanding pediatric health care systems in the country, Cook Children's records more than one million patient encounters each year. From checkup appointments with a pediatrician to urgent care visits, Cook Children's provides a unique medical home for children in east Denton County and surrounding areas. Soon, patients will have access to a full complement of services without having to travel far from their home.

This is the fourth medical center campus for Cook Children's, which also operates Cook Children's Surgery Centers in Hurst and Plano and the flagship campus in downtown Fort Worth. Cook Children's primary service area includes Tarrant, Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker and Wise counties.

To download a rendering of the completed Cook Children's Medical Center – Prosper, <u>click here</u>.

\*\*Media is invited to attend the VIP event at 2 p.m. on Oct. 26. Interview opportunities will be available.

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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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