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‘Topping Out’ Event Marks Milestone at Cook Children’s Medical Center – Prosper

Fort Worth, Texas – The last beam is in place at Cook Children’s Medical Center – Prosper, commencing the countdown for a grand opening in 2022. The pediatric health care system shared a ‘topping out’ video with the community to celebrate the much-anticipated milestone. Cook Children’s Health Care System first announced the move to build a second hospital on a 23-acre site in Prosper in 2019. Since then, Cook Children’s has opened primary and urgent care locations on the site, as well as a comprehensive outpatient specialty and surgery center.

“This topping out ceremony is a symbolic moment of the progress we have made thus far on our new health care campus in the Town of Prosper. Serving families across Collin and Denton counties and beyond, our new medical center is designed with the child in mind,” said Rick W. Merrill, president and CEO of Cook Children’s. “When families enter these doors they can expect an experience that’s completely centered around them. The care that will happen inside and outside these walls will be done with great care and compassion, keeping in mind every need of the child.”

The new inpatient pediatric hospital, of which the final beam was just placed, will open in phases. Phase I will include a 10-bed emergency room with capacity to grow to 22 rooms as needed. The pediatric intensive care unit will have 10 beds and there will be 14 medical/surgical beds. The hospital will also have four operating rooms, three procedure rooms, an infusion center, pharmacy and lab. In addition, Cook Children’s Teddy Bear Transport will provide medical transport services.

“The topping out event marks a major milestone in our Promise to improve the health of every child,” said Kevin Greene, assistant vice president and administrator of Cook Children’s – Prosper. “Through our comprehensive network of urgent care, primary care and specialty care clinics, our Cook Children’s team has already seen more than 160,000 patient visits in the northern region since opening our doors in October 2019. Come December 2022, Cook Children’s Medical Center - Prosper will be the next chapter in our commitment to bring world-class pediatric care close to home for so many of our patients and families.”

Because Cook Children’s offers so many different services, families don’t have to worry about keeping track of medical records. Our integrated system allows physicians from across the network to access patient records, and even pick up the phone and consult with one another to determine what is best for the patient. Telehealth appointments are another

convenient feature offered at the new campus. Using the latest telehealth technology, video equipment and a 65-inch TV, patients at the Prosper campus are able to be seen by their physicians at Cook Children's in Fort Worth.

Specialty services currently available at Cook Children's – Prosper include:

- Cardiology
- Hematology and Oncology
- Pulmonology
- Ear, Nose and Throat
- Nephrology
- Sports Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Urology
- Gastroenterology
- Pediatric Surgery
- Psychology

Cook Children's will be hiring more than 120 positions for the Prosper medical center, which is expected to open in December 2022.

Photos and video of the topping out ceremony and a rendering are [available for download here](#).

***You may be wondering why a tree adorned the final beam. The tree is a symbol that signifies construction has reached the sky without the loss of life or injury and is good luck for the future inhabitants of the building.*

About Cook Children's

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child 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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