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NEW BUILDING WILL ALLOW GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR FLINT AREA CHILDREN IN ONE LOCATION

Genesee County, Michigan – Genesee Health System is pleased to announce that a new state-of-the-art mental and physical health treatment center will bring comprehensive care for Flint and Genesee County children to a single location. The 60,000-square-foot building will bring all GHS children’s program areas under one roof, including the Neurological Center for Excellence, Children’s Autism Center, and Child and Family Services.

The Greater Flint Children’s Mental Health Facilities, Inc., which is a supporting organization of GHS, will own the new building. Demolition is already happening at the site, located on South Saginaw Street between 9th and 10th Streets. A groundbreaking is planned for June of 2021.

The building will be funded through a mix of private and public funding, including grants and New Market Tax Credits. The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has granted \$5.5 million to GHS to help support construction of the new health facility. The Community Foundation of Greater Flint through the Flint Kids Fund has also contributed to the project with a \$200,000 grant.

“GHS has been providing their various children’s services in a number of buildings for many years,” said William Winiarski, Board Chair of Greater Flint Children’s Mental Health Facilities, Inc. “Unfortunately for families with children, this requires them to travel from building to building to get the services that their children need. And if they have more than one child in services, it gets even more difficult for transportation and scheduling.

“To add to that, renting several buildings from as many landlords added to the difficulty of this situation. We have worked with GHS on their other building needs as their

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landlord, and we knew that we could work to provide them with a facility to meet their needs all under one roof.”

“We are excited to work with the Facilities Board on this project,” said Danis Russell, CEO of GHS. “They have been working directly with our clinicians to design a building that works for families, the therapeutic flow, and allows for ease of access between programs. This new facility will expand community access to children's behavioral health services as well as improving the continuum of care for our patients and their families through the addition of a federally qualified health center, Genesee Community Health Center.”

“Having a single, state-of-art center for quality medical care and supportive services will be a huge help for Flint families, especially as they continue to deal with challenges related to the Flint water crisis,” said Kimberly Roberson, director of Mott’s Flint Area grantmaking program. “Mott is pleased to be able to help make Genesee Health System’s vision for this new facility a reality.”

“The Flint Kids Fund grant supports developmentally appropriate finishing touches at the new center,” said Isaiah M. Oliver, president and CEO of the CFGF. “Funding for new furnishings ensures children and caregivers receive services in a comfortable space.”

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Genesee Health System provides services and support to Genesee County residents who are adults and children with developmental disabilities, adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and adults and children with substance use disorders, with a focus on the health of the whole person.

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, established in 1926 in Flint, Michigan, by an automotive pioneer, is a private philanthropy committed to supporting projects that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society. It supports nonprofit programs throughout the United States and, on a limited basis, internationally. Grantmaking is focused in four programs: Civil Society, Education, Environment and Flint Area. In addition to Flint, offices are

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The Community Foundation of Greater Flint serves the common good in Genesee County—building a strong community by engaging people in philanthropy and developing the community’s permanent endowment—now and for generations to come. CFGF helps donors support the causes they care about, today or through their estates. Since 1988 the Community Foundation has granted more than \$130 million to nonprofit organizations to build a thriving community. CFGF serves Flint and all of Genesee County including its Community Funds in Clio, Davison, Fenton, Flushing and Grand Blanc.