



Family Alliance to open 8,000-square-foot clinic in Huntley

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HUNTLEY – Seeing demand for more convenient care, a local health care group that serves elderly adults will soon meet a growing number of clients near their homes in Sun City, Huntley.

Woodstock-based Family Alliance is looking to open a new 8,000-square-foot comprehensive care facility in Huntley by early August, following months of renovations to the former Sun City administration office at 12555 Farm Hill Drive.

The project is the health care group's first major expansion project since it opened its current facility in Woodstock in 1996. The second clinic will better serve clients and their families in the southern parts of McHenry County who have wanted closer access to Family Alliance's services, said Executive Director Kim Larson.

"It's an exciting time for us to go and provide these services. There is such a need in that area," Larson said. "We are getting calls daily now from people waiting for us to come to Huntley."

The new Huntley facility will mirror the health care services provided for elderly residents from the alliance's Woodstock location.

Since signing a lease in March, the group has invested \$150,000 in renovations at the Huntley site, including a dedicated day room and space for geriatric medicine, behavioral counseling and caregiver support.

Both the Woodstock and Huntley buildings will feature a primary care doctor, a geriatric psychiatrist and a variety of social workers, nurses and counselors. Family Alliance added 10 total staff members for the Huntley facility, Larson said.

After a 2013 survey showed the need for increased service in the Huntley area, Family Alliance quickly put into motion its second expansion project, Larson said.

Many clients and their caregivers wanted a facility closer to them. The new location also will cut travel times for clients who use the alliance's bus service that offered door-to-door rides from their homes to the Woodstock clinic, Larson said.

"It's hard for people to be on a bus more than an hour, so we started performing surveys on their greatest barriers," she said. "It's all about the bus ride. That door-to-door transportation is so important to families."

To celebrate the new facility, Family Alliance has organized a dinner and auction from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 9 inside the Drendel Ballroom in Sun City Huntley. Interested participants can RSVP for a \$75 ticket or \$700 table sponsorship by Aug. 1.

The alliance, which serves roughly 1,500 area residents 50 and older, also will host an open house for the Huntley facility in mid-September once the group settles into the new space, Larson said.