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Metrocare Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for new Mental Health & Disability Innovation Center

September 26, 2025 (Dallas, TX) – Metrocare marked a historic milestone yesterday with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony of its new Mental Health & Disability Innovation Center at the Hillside Campus in southern Dallas. The event brought together community partners, philanthropic leaders, and elected officials to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter for mental health and disability services in North Texas.

The newly opened campus designed by Kirksey Architecture and built by Whiting-Turner includes:

- A 45,000-square-foot Mental Health and Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities clinic, designed to serve children, teens, and adults, allowing Metrocare to expand its capacity to serve by 23%
- A 93,000-square-foot Client Services Building, housing critical infrastructure, including our Altshuler Center for Education and Research—the premier training and research center in North Texas for mental health professionals
- Purposeful community-oriented, inclusive and restoring elements including therapeutic outdoor spaces and tranquility gardens.

"This is more than a building. It's a promise to every person in Dallas County that mental health and disability care is here, and that everyone is worthy and deserving of compassionate care," said Dr. John Burruss, Metrocare CEO. "This state-of-the-art campus will deliberately offer our community a dignified place that fosters healing, a place that reflects Dallas as a National leader."

The Hillside Campus was made possible by extraordinary community support. Metrocare recognized the commitment of foundational partners including Parkland Health, which provided \$50 million in essential financing for the facility, and Dallas County, whose \$9.2 million ARPA grant provided critical funding for the new clinic.

Beyond public partnerships, the success of Hillside reflects the generosity of North Texas philanthropy. Metrocare's Capital Campaign was supported by more than 300 donors, including major gifts from The

Bette Rathjen Foundation for Emotional Health, Communities Foundation of Texas' W.W. Caruth Jr., Fund, Eugene McDermott Foundation, Simmons Sisters Fund, Hillcrest Foundation, Hoblitzelle Foundation, The Meadows Foundation, Rees-Jones Foundation, and The Crystal Charity Ball, just to name a few. A full list of campaign supporters can be found on Metrocare's website (www.metrocareservices.org/hillside). These contributions made it possible to build a space that is not only functional but designed to promote dignity, access, and healing.

High-resolution images from the event are available for editorial use. If you are interested in touring the new campus, please contact Kennedy Newbanks at (214) 549-0802.

For more information on Metrocare, visit <https://www.metrocareservices.org/> or call (214) 743-1200.

About Metrocare: Metrocare is the largest provider of mental health, developmental disability and permanent supported housing services in Dallas County, serving over 50,000 children, teens and adults annually. For over 55 years, Metrocare has provided a broad array of services from mental health care, primary care, services for veterans and their loved ones, accessible pharmacies, homeless outreach, supportive social services, and more. Metrocare provides specialty mental health services to over 10,000 children and teens and has numerous programs for babies, children, and adults with disabilities, including Early Childhood Intervention, Flourishing Families, and Healthy Transitions, as well as two specialty autism clinics in Dallas and DeSoto. In conjunction with clinical care, Metrocare's Altshuler Center for Education and Research (ACER) is transforming the community mental health landscape of North Texas through workforce development focused on innovative partnerships and exceptional trauma-informed training. Metrocare upholds the person-centered philosophy to focus care on the needs of the individual and takes care to ensure that people's preferences, needs, and values guide clinical decisions and to provide care that is respectful of and responsive to those served.

About Parkland Health: Parkland Health is one of the largest public hospital systems in the country. Premier services at the state-of-the-art Parkland Memorial Hospital include the Level I Rees-Jones Trauma Center, the only burn center in North Texas verified for adults and pediatric patients by the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The system also includes two on-campus buildings housing multi-specialty outpatient clinics – the Ron J. Anderson, MD Clinic and the Moody Outpatient Center, as well as more than 30 community-based clinics and numerous outreach and education programs. Parkland enriches the health and wellness of the communities it serves by providing compassionate care and advancing health equity. For more information, visit www.parklandhealth.org.

About Kirksey Architecture: Kirksey is a sustainable architecture and interior design firm with over 38 million square feet of LEED projects in its portfolio. With offices in Dallas, Houston, and Austin, Texas, Kirksey is studio-based in structure and serves commercial, collegiate, community, PK-12, government, healthcare, hospitality, science & technology, and multifamily residential markets. To learn more about the firm, visit www.kirksey.com.



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