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Youthville to unveil new building on Dodge City campus

Youthville invites the general public to the opening ceremony and ribbon cutting of the Neal Hewes Memorial Hall, Dining Hall & Learning Center at the Dodge City Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

This marks the completion of the “Fulfilling Dreams Campaign,” a \$1.5 million building project, housing a centralized kitchen and dining space, a FEMA-standard storm shelter, and additional classrooms and offices.

When: Friday, December 3

Time: 2pm

Where: Youthville’s Dodge City PRTF

Special guests Rev. Kendal Utt and Youthville’s Board President Rev. Evelyn Fisher will assist in the opening ceremony. Attendees will enjoy refreshments and are invited to tour the classrooms, storm shelter and dining hall immediately after the ribbon cutting.

Youthville is appreciative for the many donors across the state of Kansas, especially western Kansas. Community members helped raise \$1,472,766.04, making this campaign a reality.

“The amount of support we have received from the western Kansas community has been incredible, as always. Our donors in western Kansas are the best and have been incredibly valuable to this project,” said Shelley Duncan, Youthville President/CEO. “Their generosity will allow our residents to have a comfortable place to dine and learn as well as a safe place to go in the event of inclement weather.”

For additional information, call Deanna Kuder at (800) 529-9100, ext. 8234 or (620) 253-4197.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) are for children ages six to 18 years who need time away to address issues and remove barriers in their lives. Youthville has two campuses one in Dodge City and the other in Newton. Youthville is committed to caring for children in an innovative way that encourages growth mentally, physically, and creatively through creative forms of expression. Only eight percent of the children in foster care reside in PRTFs.

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit, child welfare agencies in Kansas, specializing in foster care, adoption, psychiatric residential treatment and counseling. The agency’s more than 600 employees are passionate about its mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood to the 1,000 Kansas children who suffer from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and trauma. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit www.youthville.org.

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