

PRESS RELEASE

August 7th, 2017



To: Area Media

Event Date & Time: Wednesday, August 9th @ 2pm

Location of Event: AR Children's Northwest trailer

If you're planning to attend, turn off of Gene George Blvd at the asphalt drive & make an immediate right into the parking area. There will be three trailers with ACH's being directly in front of you.

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Arkansas Children's Northwest receives donation of \$23,767.51 from Springdale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast! Largest-ever donation for SMPB event!

Springdale, AR – Arkansas Children's Northwest located in Springdale is the recipient of a \$23,767.51 donation by Springdale Mayor Doug Sprouse and the Springdale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast committee. The donation will take place at the Arkansas Children's Northwest trailer on Wednesday, August 9th at 2pm. The trailer for ACH Northwest is located off of Gene George.

There were over 400 people who attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in May. Special thanks goes out to the 31 sponsors of the event, as well as additional offerings taken up by several Springdale churches including Cross Church, First United Methodist Church, Cross Pointe Community Church, Centro Cristiano Hispano & Springdale First Assembly of God. With these offerings added in to the proceeds of the event, this year's donation is a historical one as it's the highest amount ever donated by the Springdale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast event! The donation from the Springdale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be used in the purchase of a children/infant defibrillators as well as any other needed equipment.

"The new Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest in Springdale will benefit our community immensely by bringing new jobs to Springdale and helping families across Northwest Arkansas who are in need of top-quality medical care," said Springdale Mayor Doug Sprouse. "I'm glad the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was able to support this worthy cause."

When it opens in January 2018, Arkansas Children's Northwest will be the region's first and only comprehensive pediatric healthcare center and will include:

- 24 inpatient beds to care for children requiring overnight stays
- 24-hour pediatric emergency department
- Pediatric surgery unit with five operating rooms
- An outpatient clinic with 30 exam rooms supporting more than 20 subspecialty areas, and a general pediatric clinic
- A full range of ancillary and diagnostic services, child-life and pastoral care
- Outdoor gardens, nature trails and interactive features designed for children
- A helipad and refueling station supporting Angel One, one of the nation's leading pediatric intensive care transport services, with more than 2,000 transports annually

Arkansas Children's Northwest is being built on 37 acres of land donated by Robin and Gary George, Cathy and David Evans and their families—a gift valued at \$7.5 million. The campus is centrally located on I-49 between Don Tyson Parkway and Highway 412, across from Arvest Ballpark. The project is expected to cost \$427.7 million in construction, technology, equipment and operating expenses over the next five years, and will create 250 new jobs.

"Arkansas Children's is grateful for the support of Mayor Doug Sprouse and the city of Springdale for their generous gift to Arkansas Children's Northwest," said Ashlie Hilbun, Executive Director of Philanthropy for Arkansas Children's Foundation. "The city has continued to champion this historic effort and the support from the community has been tremendous. Together, we are proud to serve children and families where they live, learn and play."

Past recipients from Springdale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast have been the House of Hope Rescue Mission, the Miracle League Field, Springdale Community Gardens, the Springdale Senior Center, Arts Center of the Ozarks, Horses for Healing, Youth Strategies, and Peace at Home Family Shelter.

