

A COMMITMENT TO CARE

Outline of Need:

People have been talking about adding a clinic for more than 20 years. St. Ansgar's Hospital was built in 1952 and operated by the Presentation Sisters and Catholic Health Organization over the years. Drawings of a proposed new clinic hanging on the wall wasn't the first project that never got off the ground.

How Rural Development Helped:

The community-based hospital in this town of 1,700 has a new and expanded hospital and clinic. The \$7.75 million hospital and clinic project was sparked by community investment and ignited by federal funding through USDA Rural Development.

The Results:

The new clinic is connected to the hospital and is the new main entrance to First Care Health Center. The clinic brought together the town's three physicians joined by a physician assistant and nurse practitioner. A new emergency room was also completed and is more conveniently located, along with patient rooms centrally located around a central nurses station. The enlarged emergency room also is more conveniently located. The second floor will be used for an expanded physical therapy department and related services, plus business and staff offices.



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