

Child Care Center Joining Pelican Valley Health Center Campus

Pelican Valley Health Center is excited to announce a new renter to our campus, Children's Corner. They will be occupying the ground level floor of Riverfront on Main assisted living at 119 N. Broadway. A large grant was able to help make this new venture possible. Children's Corner has received a \$31,500 grant from West Central Initiative (WCI) to help start up a new child care center in Pelican Rapids.

Children's Corner is a licensed nonprofit child care center with three locations in Fergus Falls and one in Perham. The center was approached by the Pelican Valley Health Center to consider establishing a child care site in one of its facilities in Pelican Rapids. A new center would provide 42 new licensed child care openings that would help meet a critical need for Pelican Valley Health Center employees and families in the community. "We are thrilled to be able to do this in our rural community. It will be an incredible addition to our campus of two assisted livings and a nursing home", said Barbara Garrity, Pelican Valley Health Center Executive Director.

Children's Corner will use the WCI grant to purchase supplies and equipment needed for licensing and to help offset salary and benefit costs during the new center's fill-up period.

"As the only nonprofit child care center in Ottertail county, we would have been unable to afford the start up costs without these grant dollars. The ability to add additional child care for the community of Pelican Rapids will only strengthen their Economic Development opportunities," said Sue TenEyck-Stafki, Children's Corner Executive Director.

Pelican Valley will be doing some minor work to get the main floor ready for its new occupants. If everything goes according to the schedule, we're hoping for a September grand opening. If you'd like to get on the list to enroll your child, please contact Children's Corner in Fergus Falls.