

## **Dignity Health - California Hospital Completes Construction on New Child Education Center for Homeless and Underserved Families**

**Los Angeles, Calif.** - The Hope Street Margolis Family Center (Hope Street), a community health, education, and recreation resource of Dignity Health – California Hospital Medical Center (CHMC), hosted an open house to celebrate The Nest, its latest state-of-the-art early childhood education center, located near downtown Los Angeles. The Nest will provide a no-cost, high-quality, nurturing environment for up to 32 children whose parents are looking for job placement, or returning to work, including families experiencing homelessness.

“One of the greatest impacts of the pandemic has been job loss,” shares Alina Moran, CHMC Hospital President and CEO. “For families with young children, finding new work can be challenging, and affordable child care resources are limited, which is why we are so proud to provide exceptional indoor and outdoor space for low-income children to learn and grow who may otherwise not have access to such services.”

The PENTA Building Group, an industry leader in commercial construction in the healthcare space, contributed its service in-kind with the help of local trade partners. As work started in November 2020, PENTA CARES team managed the construction of the playground, including earthwork, fencing, landscaping, installing the playground set, as well as rubber flooring installation and overseeing the subcontractors on-site.

“As a people-focused General Contractor, PENTA and our trade partners are extremely proud to donate our building expertise to a project that provides such a monumental impact to the downtown LA community,” said Paul Dutmer, Director of Los Angeles at The PENTA Building Group. “Our philanthropic arm, The PENTA CARES Foundation, donates hundreds of hours of employee volunteer time and annual monetary contributions to local nonprofits and other causes. This type of project is perfectly aligned with our mission, and we commend Dignity Health for bringing it to life to help serve families in need.”



Architectural firm Perkins&Will created the innovative and inspirational design for the center. “Every member of our team brings the very best of ourselves to create forward-looking, inclusive, sustainable design solutions in our communities,” noted Aram Guzman, Perkins&Will Designer. “The Nest is one of several Social Purpose Initiatives the firm does to help support the communities within which we work. We are thrilled to be associated with Dignity Health - California Hospital Medical Center and Hope Street Margolis Family Center in the creation of The Nest.”

The Nest marks Hope Street’s fourth early care and education center, which is expected to open this fall and provide full-day, year-round center-based services for low-income infants and toddlers (0-3 years of age) including children with special needs. The Nest is located in South Los Angeles, one of LA County’s highest need areas for early education services. This project would not have been possible without the commitment of many donors, in-kind sponsors, community partners, and the general contractor, Slater Builders.

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#### **About Dignity Health – California Hospital Medical Center**

Founded in 1887, Dignity Health - California Hospital Medical Center is a 318-bed, acute care, nonprofit hospital located in downtown Los Angeles. The hospital offers a full complement of services including a Level II trauma center, the Los Angeles Center for Women’s Health, obstetrics and pediatric services, and comprehensive cardiac and surgical services. The hospital shares a legacy of *humankindness* with Dignity Health, one of the largest health care systems. Visit [dignityhealth.org/californiahospital](http://dignityhealth.org/californiahospital) for more information.

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