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# State Approves Mid-Columbia Medical Center Joining Adventist Health

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*Adventist Health commits at least \$100 million to MCMC to strengthen rural healthcare in the region.*

**(THE DALLES, Ore. (April 14, 2023)** – An agreement for Mid-Columbia Medical Center to join Adventist Health has been approved by state and regulatory bodies, clearing the way for the transaction to become official. Among the provisions of the approval are conditions like Adventist Health’s investment of \$100 million over ten years to ensure MCMC’s operations and maintain existing services.

“We are committed to building on the already-exceptional work of the MCMC team to increase the quality and availability of healthcare for communities in and around the Columbia River Gorge,” says Kerry L. Heinrich, President and CEO of Adventist Health. “Adventist Health has deep experience in rural healthcare, and MCMC is an excellent fit for our system.”

The collaboration is expected to bring benefits in access, quality, and equity to the community, employees, and providers. Among those outcomes are strengthening MCMC’s ability to keep and expand health services, providing close-to-home access to needed healthcare, and improving recruitment of employees and providers. Together, MCMC and Adventist Health intend to maintain and enhance the immediate and long-term financial viability of MCMC that enables needed investments in the healthcare campus, technology, programs, and people.

**Media Note:** *If you want an interview, please get in touch with Travis Dray at 541-506-5750.*

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**About Mid-Columbia Medical Center**

Founded in 1901, Mid-Columbia Medical Center is a nationally recognized hospital dedicated to serving residents of The Dalles and its surrounding communities. In 1992, MCMC became the first hospital in the nation to integrate the Planetree philosophy of patient care, which emphasizes the need to address a person's intellectual, environmental, emotional and spiritual concerns in addition to their physical needs. As a Planetree-affiliated hospital, MCMC works to provide a caring, nurturing and educational environment; puts great efforts into humanizing and demystifying the medical experience; and strives to empower people to become active partners in their own healthcare. For more information, visit [mcmc.net](http://mcmc.net).

**About Adventist Health**

Adventist Health is a faith-based, nonprofit, integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii with over 400 sites of care. Founded on Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies and joint-venture retirement centers in rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of 37,000 includes employees, physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. We are committed to upholding our heritage by providing patient-centered, quality care. Together, we are transforming the healthcare experience with an innovative and whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing to support community well-being.