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St. Joseph Building Downtown Facility

■ Hospital Brings Urgent Care Facility to Fourth Street

Santa Ana has a total population of about 351,697, according to City officials. This number makes Santa Ana the most populated city in Orange County, and the ninth largest in California. With so many residents, Santa Ana's people need numerous facilities where they can access services such as health care, and other medical assistance.

St. Joseph Hospital of Orange and St. Joseph Heritage Group have collaborated to provide a place for Santa Ana residents to receive the help they need. Located on Fourth Street in Santa Ana will soon be a 58,000- square-foot medical facility. This new location will contain an urgent care center, pediatric walk-in center, a Center for Health Promotion, laboratory draw station, x-ray services, and a dialysis center.

The new medical office is set to be completed by January 2008. Alan Garrett, chief

operating officer at St. Joseph Hospital, says a great need for health care access exists in Santa Ana. At St. Joseph

Hospital, the dialysis program has so many patients that many have to be put on a waiting list. Many of those patients needing dialysis are Santa Ana residents. Garrett says that with the opening of the new dialysis center, people will be able to get the care they need in a faster and more convenient way.

The medical center will be three stories high and will house 12 physicians—seven pediatricians and five family-practice doctors. Patients who receive a referral from their doctor will also be able to attend programs offered through the Health Promotion Program at the new facility.

Charles Foster, administrator for St. Joseph Heritage Group, says some of the programs offered include diabetes aware-

ness and treatment, health and fitness programs, asthma maintenance, and programs to educate families and combat childhood obesity.

"We want people in Santa Ana to have a place they can

look at as their medical home," Foster says. "The new medical office will provide a place where people can build a comfortable relationship with their doctors and will want to come back with their children and their families."

For more information about St. Joseph Hospital, visit its website at www.sjo.org, and for more information about St. Joseph Heritage Medical Group, visit www.sjhmg.org. ■

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Dignitaries gathered on February 14 for groundbreaking ceremonies.