

# Lloyd McCoy Health Center to Open in the Spring

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***Lloyd McCoy Sr., left, and Pamela McCoy, right, unveil the sign for the new Lloyd McCoy Health Center on Niles Road S.E. Monday. The young McCoy, 11, died from injuries he received in a drive-by shooting in April. The building, the former location of Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority offices, is named in McCoy's honor and will be occupied by One Health Ohio, which will offer uninsured and under-insured residents medical and dental care. It is scheduled to open in April. Joining the McCoy's are Dr. Ronald Dwinnells, CEO of One Health Ohio, far left, and to the right, U.S. Rep. Timothy J. Ryan and Warren Mayor Michael J. O'Brien.***

WARREN — Pamela McCoy said she always thought her son was destined for greatness.

But 11-year-old Lloyd McCoy never had the chance to reach his full potential — he died from injuries he received in an April 13 drive-by shooting.

“I always thought my son would be a pro football player or a rocket scientist. I want him to be remembered for something good instead of as the boy who got shot,” Pamela McCoy said.

That desire for Lloyd to be remembered for something positive is the reason officials from One Health Ohio have decided to name their new Warren health care facility after him.

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Ohio Health CEO Dr. Ronald Dwinells, Chief Operating Officer Elizabeth Haddle and others on Monday introduced the Lloyd McCoy Health Center, 1977 Niles Road S.E. The location was formerly Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority offices.

“Even though he won’t grow up here, he will always be mentioned in connection to this facility, and I think it’s an honor. Millions of kids all around have died from one thing or another. This shows he touched lots of people in his short life,” McCoy said.

The new facility is scheduled to open in the spring and will give uninsured and under-insured residents of Trumbull County greater access to health care. The facility is targeted to serve about 38,000 people, about 40 percent of which are below the 200 percent poverty level, according to Dwinells.

It will bring about 20 new medical-related jobs to Warren and temporary construction jobs to remodel the facility using some of the \$880,000 in federal stimulus money received for the project. Stimulus money also will be used to equip the facility.

“It’s significantly important for our organization and important for the City of Warren. From an economic point of view, it will create jobs, improve health care, improve access to health care,” Dwinells said.

McCoy said Dwinells and Haddle approached her in June about naming the facility after Lloyd. Her family supported the idea.

“This is our way of giving back to the community where he is from. This facility symbolizes his life rather than his death,” McCoy said.

All of the 30,000-square-foot facility will be clinical space, but Dwinells said initially only 11,000 to 12,000 will be used for nine examination and six dental rooms with equipment he called “very ultra-modern.”

Eventually, obstetrics, gynecology and podiatry will be added, and because of the building’s size, the company can bring in other organizations to provide behavioral health, speech therapy and pharmacy services.

The center also will house the health care provider’s mobile medical unit, which will visit each Warren school building at least once a week for student and residential medical services.

It will be the fourth site operated by One Health Ohio. It also has locations in Youngstown, Alliance and a second in Warren, the Warren West Community Health Center on Tod Avenue S.W.

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