



Saint Alphonse Medical Center

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SAINT ALPHONSUS ONTARIO HEALTHCARE EXPANSION *Area residents will have additional healthcare services and greater access to physicians.*

Residents of Ontario, Fruitland, Payette and surrounding communities will soon have increased local access to critically needed physicians and diagnostic services. Saint Alphonse Medical Center – Ontario is building a 30,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, outpatient facility.

“Saint Alphonse Medical Center – Ontario has served the healthcare needs of the surrounding communities for almost a century,” According to Sheriff Andy Bentz, Saint Alphonse – Ontario Board Chair, “This new facility is an essential tool to keep our community safe and healthy. As stewards of outstanding health care service we must expand to meet the growing need.”

“A multispecialty center is needed and will benefit the entire area. I believe this is one of the most important advances in healthcare delivery made here in the Valley since the Sisters arrived 100 years ago” stated Dr. Andy Peterson, Saint Alphonse Medical Group Physician. “It is going to happen as a result of the formation of the Saint Alphonse Health System by Trinity Health, and their foresight and willingness to invest in our community and health of our people.”

“Our Health System is committed to keeping care local with local physicians and local services. Our investment in the new Fruitland Health Plaza ensures that people in Ontario, Fruitland, Payette and surrounding cities have a convenient outpatient setting to receive care that is close to home” said Sally Jeffcoat, Saint Alphonse Health System President and CEO.

The community board believes the new Health Plaza will help secure the future of your local hospital by adding services and enhancing the amount and level of care delivered locally.

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"Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Ontario is a community hospital. That community extends beyond the city limits of Ontario" stated Dr. Frank Spokas, Saint Alphonsus – Ontario Board Member and Medical Staff Member. "This new project will allow us to better serve our community and a facility such as this will enable more people to receive their health care locally."

Local architect Dion Zimmerman, of Gowland Johanson & Zimmerman Architecture based out of Payette, ID, is the lead on this project and is working closely with a Sam Burrows of Lombard-Conrad Architecture as well as Associates and Medical Staff of Saint Alphonsus. "Providing for the specific needs of individuals within the surrounding communities was given top priority and careful consideration during the planning process. This facility will be absolutely beautiful. Dion and the team have been very thoughtful in designing a facility that will best accommodate patients, physicians, support staff as well as considering long term growth opportunities" said Paul Vachek, Chief Financial Officer, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Ontario. Vachek continues, "Not only will the Health Plaza bring a multitude of services and improve community health, its economic impact on local communities will be outstanding. The estimated \$10 million investment will provide local jobs during, as well as long after the building phase. This new facility is expected to employ upwards of 40 full time jobs, allow current providers to expand their services and add an estimated 18 new physicians to our delivery system." John Breidenbach, Ontario Chamber of Commerce President and CEO said, "Anything that any industry can do to bring more jobs to our area should be celebrated. Congratulations to Saint Alphonsus!"

"This expansion is a testament to the lasting commitment of the Saint Alphonsus Health System to invest in our local community and to keep quality medical care close to where our patients live" said Ken Hart, Saint Alphonsus – Ontario Community and Regional Board Member.

"This substantial investment is one of the first visible results of Ontario becoming part of the Saint Alphonsus Health System and is being made to complement our existing Saint Alphonsus facilities to better serve our area and provide a more effective delivery system" said Bentz.

Rick Palagi, Saint Alphonsus – Ontario CEO concludes, "A component of our Mission and Vision is to improve the health of our communities and to provide hope and healing, close to home. The new Fruitland Health Plaza is the beginning of fulfilling those statements. We know this Health Plaza will make a critical difference in the lives of those we serve and employ, and the communities which surround it."

About Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Ontario

Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Ontario is a 49-licensed bed community hospital providing quality care to people throughout eastern Oregon, and the southwestern Idaho communities. As a not-for-profit hospital, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center reinvests profits back into the community and works to improve the health and well-being of those we serve by providing state-of-the-art medical technology, facilities and equipment with highly trained medical providers and staff to meet the healthcare needs of our community. For more information about Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Ontario visit <http://www.holyrosary-ontario.org/> .

About Saint Alphonsus Health System

Saint Alphonsus Health System is a four-hospital, 714-bed regional, faith-based Catholic ministry with over 4,300 Associates and 950 medical staff. Serving the people of southwestern Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada, Saint Alphonsus Health System is comprised of Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise, Idaho; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Nampa, ID; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Ontario, OR; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Baker City, OR; Saint Alphonsus Medical Group, with over 200 primary care and specialty care providers at 35 clinic locations. As a not-for-profit health system, Saint Alphonsus Health System reinvests profits back into the community and works to improve the health and well-being of those we serve by emphasizing care that is patient-centered, innovative and community-based. Saint Alphonsus Health System is a member of Trinity Health, Novi, Michigan. To find out more go to: www.saintalphonsushealthsystem.org