



FOCAL POINT

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Focal Point Community Campus Receives \$1 Million Gift From Ross University School of Medicine

CHICAGO, November 19, 2013 – Chicago Southwest Development Corporation announced today it will receive a major donation that will serve as the foundational contribution for its capital campaign. The Ross University School of Medicine will contribute \$1 million to the organization's soon to be announced capital campaign for the development of Focal Point.

“This donation marks the continuation of a thriving partnership between Focal Point and Ross University School of Medicine. We have strong roots in the Chicago medical community by providing top tier medical students to Chicago’s Saint Anthony Hospital for clinical training,” stated Dr. Joseph Flaherty, dean and chancellor of Ross University School of Medicine. “Focal Point is a natural next step in our relationship.”

The more than one million square foot community campus that will be located on 31st and Kedzie has been named by Mayor Rahm Emanuel as one of his strategic visions for seven neighborhoods. The campus will offer retail, education, wellness, arts and recreation, and Saint Anthony Hospital while also providing thousands of job opportunities to a challenged community.

“We are excited that an institution like Ross University School of Medicine has made an investment that will allow Focal Point to become reality,” stated Guy A. Medaglia, President & Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Southwest Development Corporation. “Focal Point will be a game changer in Chicago and having a partner like Ross University School of Medicine shows their commitment to this community will ensure that this project will become a reality.”

About Focal Point

The Focal Point community campus will serve as a source of financially sustainable community development to help improve the lives of more than 400,000 residents on the West and Southwest Sides of Chicago, representing North Lawndale, Little Village, Pilsen, Brighton Park, Back of the Yards, and Archer Heights neighborhoods. With plans for a nearly 1 million square foot complex that offers retail, wellness, education, arts and recreation services customized to the needs of the community, the new campus will focus on the complete well-being of community members, instead of purely on one element — health care. The new campus will be housed on the approximately 11-acre parcel of land at 31st and Kedzie, the former site of the Washburne Trade School.

Chicago Southwest Development Corporation – along with leaders from Saint Anthony Hospital – is leading this project that will serve as a model to change the face of community development across the country. Together, these organizations have a legacy in the Chicago area of serving as leaders, staying true to their inclusive, neighborhood driven philosophy to strengthen the community through the power of partnership and quality health care that leaves no one behind.

More information is available at www.FocalPointChicago.org or call 773.484.1898 or you can follow us on Twitter (@FocalPointChi).

About Ross University School of Medicine

Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM), founded in 1978, is committed to educating a diverse group of future physicians to serve as leaders in the U.S. healthcare system. With more than 10,000 alumni, RUSM has become an important part of healthcare education in the United States. RUSM alumni practice in virtually every medical specialty and can be found in every U.S. state. Students complete their foundational studies in Dominica, West Indies, before completing their clinical training in one of RUSM's affiliated hospitals throughout the United States and elsewhere. RUSM is accredited by the Dominican Medical Board and the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions. Over the last five years, RUSM has placed more graduates into U.S. residencies than any other medical school in the world. RUSM is part of DeVry Inc. (NYSE: DV, member S&P 400 Index).

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