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Auburn University, city collaborate on Boykin clinic project

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Renovated space in Boykin Community Center will be converted into four exam rooms, laboratory, waiting area, reception desk and a conference room to complete the clinic.

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Creating an educational opportunity to benefit low-income residents, the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy and the city of Auburn have combined resources to design and construct a clinic in the Boykin Community Center.

Kimberly Lloyd, associate dean for clinical affairs and outreach, said construction of the clinic will begin this fall or winter and by spring semester 2020, the clinic will be operational.

“The city is investing a great deal of resources in renovating the clinic space,” Richard Hansen, Harrison School of Pharmacy dean, said. “We are investing a great deal of energy and financial resources to make sure it can run smoothly. There are things we can provide that are meaningful to the community to help the citizens. By partnering with us, they make that much more viable.”

Boykin Community Center, located at 400 Boykin St., renovated three classrooms of more than 2,000 square feet to prepare for the construction of a clinic, comprised of four exam rooms, a laboratory, conference room, waiting area, reception desk and a pharmacy.

Seeking to serve

Hansen said the prospect of a building a clinic providing free medical services has received much support, including from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation, which is being given a scholarship of \$20,000 to fund the startup costs of the project.

The Auburn University Concessions Board contributed more than \$7,000, Blue Cross Blue Shield gave a gift of \$25,000 and the community displayed its support by giving more than \$14,000 on Tiger Giving Day, Hansen said.

“The funding is a testament to this project,” said Matt Crouch, manager of communications and marketing for the pharmacy school. “That doesn’t happen with every project we have. A lot of people recognize the importance of the project, and they want to be a part of it to see if it gets off the ground.”

According to Hansen, the services in the clinic will continue to develop as university students from the school of pharmacy learn and serve alongside certified physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and pharmacists.

“We would like it to focus on health and wellness for chronic disease management and seeing patients that might not have primary care access in the region,” Hansen said. “Eventually, we will get into things like healthy eating, healthy habits, mental health and substance abuse services we can provide in the community.”

Promoting healthy habits and lifestyles, the clinic will provide educational classes open to the public and assigned to patients receiving treatment, Lloyd said.

“We plan to have a diabetes education class, and that would be open to anyone who would like to come and participate,” she said. “We might have public health outreach that is offered in the conference room or in one of the conference rooms in the (Boykin Community Center) to increase the opportunities for the public to come in and learn more about health.”


Town and gown

The city of Auburn established a presence for the Harrison School of Pharmacy by allowing the university to utilize a space for an area in need of medical assistance and outreach, ensuring university students will receive an authentic, educational experience, Lloyd said.

“We gave the award Friend of the Pharmacy to the city of Auburn, and that was to express our gratitude for their partnership,” Hansen said. “We wanted to recognize the citizens, the mayor and the city for all the energy and excitement that they have helped us generate around this project.”

Playing a major role in the preparation of the clinic, Hansen recognized former Auburn Mayor Bill Ham as well, assisting in the university’s vision of a mutually beneficial experience for patients and students.

“I was reminded at graduation of a quote brought up multiple times by our students: ‘You won’t remember what people say, or what people do, but you will always remember how people make you feel,’” Hansen said. “I think getting our students in that environment where they can really have an authentic experience is very important.”



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