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Open Arms Children's Health to Become Part of Norton Children's Medical Group *Pediatric healthcare services to transition in October 2021*

Louisville, Ky. (April 15, 2021) – Norton Children's Medical Group plans to assume the pediatric medical services provided by Open Arms Children's Health, a service division of Home of the Innocents. The two organizations have signed a memorandum of understanding to transition Open Arms Children's general medical, audiology, dental, and psychiatry practices to Norton Children's Medical Group in October.

Since 2011, Open Arms Children's Health has cared for the medical, dental, and behavioral needs of children across our community, particularly those placed in foster care or whose families struggle with access to quality healthcare throughout our region. With many services located under one roof, patients easily receive treatment for a variety of healthcare needs through easy referrals to other providers in the same building.

Norton Children's Medical Group will elevate the healthcare services currently provided at Open Arms Children's Health to a higher level. After 10 years, Home of the Innocents is proud to bring in a successful, well-respected partner who can help Open Arms expand services to more children in the community and continue to provide care to those served by the organization.

"This partnership allows us to focus on our mission of enriching the lives of children and families with hope, health, and happiness through our behavioral health services and pediatric long-term care. At the same time, Norton Children's experts will provide increased access to quality healthcare for children," shared Paul Robinson, Home of the Innocents President and CEO. "Keeping Open Arms open on our campus with the partnership and support of Norton Children's Medical Group is an amazing opportunity for those we serve and for our community."

"Norton Healthcare and Norton Children's mission is to provide quality healthcare to the diverse community we serve," said Steven T. Hester, M.D., Division President, Provider Operations, and System Chief Medical Officer for Norton Healthcare. "We look forward to using Norton Children's nearly 130 years of experience and expertise to continue Home of the Innocents' tradition of serving children and families who need this special care."

All other Home of the Innocents services will remain unchanged, including The Village Pharmacy, Kosair Charities Pediatric Convalescent Center, all on-campus and community-based Behavioral Health Services, and The Aquatic Therapy Center.

The partnership puts Home of the Innocents in a stronger financial position that will allow the organization to innovate their legacy programs they have provided to our community since 1880.

Home of the Innocents

Home of the Innocents enriches the lives of children and families with hope, health, and happiness. Serving more than 10,000 children and their families last year, programs include a safe haven for at-risk children, clinical treatment services, crisis and intervention services, therapeutic loving foster care and adoption services, a pediatric convalescent center for children who are medically complex or terminally ill, and an integrated pediatric medical center, Open Arms Children's Health.

Open Arms Children's Health

Open Arms Children's Health meets the medical, dental, and behavioral needs of children, including those who have special needs. With services located under one roof, families do not have to drive from appointment to appointment. Children can see a doctor, dentist, or behavioral health therapist by simply walking from one exam room to another. Open Arms also provides pediatric audiology services and an on-site pharmacy that is open to the public.

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Cutline (OACH building.jpg): After ten years as a service of Home of the Innocents, Norton Children's Medical Group will acquire Open Arms Children's Health.

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