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Clinica Family Health's Lafayette Facility Wins Award

LAFAYETTE, CO -- Clinica Family Health's new facility in Lafayette, CO, has won the Colorado Urban Land Institute's 2019 "Influence" award. The statewide competition honors a structure that inspires imitation by demonstrating positive community impact and financial success.

"What an incredible honor," said Simon Smith, Clinica's president and CEO. "We're extremely proud of our new facility, but to have a group like the Urban Land Institute recognize the thought and innovation inside our walls is very gratifying."

Clinica was nominated for its new building located at 1735 S. Public Road in Lafayette, CO. The 65,000-square-foot building houses a medical clinic, walk-in clinic, dental clinic, Boulder County Public Health office, enrollment space, administrative offices and a training facility. The medical clinic can serve up to 10,500 patients a year while the dental clinic can treat about 4,500 patients annually. More than 170 staff work in the building. The building also has a play area for children, indoor and outdoor meeting space for the community to use, a gallery system for area artists to show their work and a measured walking path around it.

"The Impact Awards showcase the best work of Colorado's developers, architects, builders and their teams to create great places," said Tracy Huggins, executive director of the Denver Urban Renewal Authority and ULI Colorado chair. "These examples will inspire others to improve our communities by creating the best possible projects."

In selecting Clinica for the honor, Urban Land Institute Colorado (ULI) jurors noted that the building had "strong social impact and sophisticated management that is succeeding through the team approach to health care." They also said that Clinica's staff used the design and layout of the building to improve the delivery of health care to patients.

"Building a clinic from the ground up was an enormous undertaking for us," Smith said. "We know a great deal about health care, but it took the wisdom of many partners to make this building a reality. Our partners include Boulder Associates, Brinkmann Constructors, Community Bank of Colorado, the City of Lafayette, Boulder County and Northstar Commercial Partners. I hope they are as proud of this facility as we are."

Most important, said Smith, is what patients think. "This building is for our patients," he said. "We want them to feel welcome, valued and comfortable here. We want the building to reflect the high-level of care that they are receiving. And we want them to know that they are always the heart of Clinica."

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About Clinica Family Health:

Clinica Family Health exists to assure that people living in south Boulder, Broomfield and west Adams counties have access to high-quality, affordable health care. The not-for-profit health care organization was founded in Lafayette, CO, in 1977, and now has five facilities that provide health care to more than 57,000 individuals annually. Clinica provides a full spectrum of primary health care including: preventive care, chronic disease management, dental care, mental health services, pharmacy services, nutrition services and more.

About the ULI Colorado Impact Awards:

ULI Colorado began its Impact Awards program in 2013. This year, the group distributed awards in six categories: Innovation, Infill, Influence, Inspire, a Legacy Award for lifetime achievement and a Rising Star award for an industry leader under 35. Overall, 50 projects were nominated. Clinica was competing against about 12 other candidates in its category.

About the Urban Land Institute:

The Urban Land Institute is the oldest and largest network of cross-disciplinary real estate and land use experts in the world. Founded in 1936, the ULI encourages the responsible use of land in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. This includes efficient use of resources (energy, environment, social and governmental), innovation that is practical and functional, long-term and transportation planning and metropolitan growth strategies.

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Clinica Family Health won a 2019 ULI Impact Award for its new Lafayette health care facility, which is seen in the background.