

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

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Grand Opening Set for New Siletz Clinic

The public is invited to the grand opening of the new Siletz Community Health Clinic on May 12 at 1 p.m. Opening ceremonies will be followed by a free Health Fair from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the new clinic.

The grand opening ceremony will include speakers, a drum group, the ribbon cutting, building tours and refreshments. The Health Fair will feature several health screenings, including cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure, body composition and lung capacity; massages; giveaways and drawings; and kids activities. Additional tickets for the drawings can be earned by bringing a canned food item for the food drive and by taking part in three of the health screenings.

Groups involved with the Health Fair include the American Red Cross, Rejuvenation Spa, Good Samaritan Hospital, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary, Best for Hearing, Siletz Fire Department, Newport Police Department, Progressive Options and several others.

“The new clinic will be a great benefit to the Tribe and the community,” said Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley. “It was built to increase the number of patients’ visits and to provide high quality health care.”

The 46,000-square-foot building houses all programs dealing with physical and mental health in one building, including medical exam rooms, dental operatories, medical laboratory, radiology suite, counseling offices, Contract Health, Prevention, Community Health and administrative space.

When the former clinic building opened in 1991, the Tribe had only two part-time doctors, one nurse and one medical assistant. A part-time dentist, pharmacist and mental health counselor rounded out the staff.

The building was only 7,400 square feet when it was constructed. In three short years, the Tribe outgrew this space and expanded the facility to its current 15,000 square feet. This expansion also was eventually outgrown, creating critical space shortages for providers and patients.

The new clinic currently has plenty of room for the care provided every day in the 32,000 square feet that is in use. The additional 14,000 square feet will assist in planning for disasters and emergencies. It is the clinic's responsibility to be prepared to provide vaccinations, treatment, triage, quarantine and decontamination at appropriate times. Also, the additional space will help the clinic compete for various public health grants to expand health and wellness services as well as accommodate growth needs for the clinic.



Directions to the Siletz Community Health Clinic at 200 Gwee-Shut Road in Siletz: From Highway 229 (Gaither Street) in Siletz, turn east onto Logsdan Road. Turn left onto Gwee-Shut Road, which is past the road to the Tribal Community Center and the cemetery. The clinic is the first building on the right.

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