

THE NEW FAMILY TREE CLINIC NOW OPEN IN MINNEAPOLIS



A rendering of the new Family Tree Clinic

Family Tree Clinic, a sexual health and education center founded 50 years ago, moved across the river to 1919 Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis. The new facility opened on November 23, with a series of celebrations and events taking place over the first three months.

Family Tree is widely celebrated for its LGBTQ-inclusive health care, and the new clinic will build capacity for the Hormone Care program, as well as its nationally-recognized sex education program. Family Tree is also one of the few clinics in the entire country with an entire department dedicated to meeting the sexual health and education needs of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing communities, providing a rare but much-needed service to a large constituency.

The organization centers its work on people often pushed to the margins of healthcare. In 2020, 60% of clinic patients identified as LGBTQ, 36% had no insurance, and 44% lived at or below the federal poverty level. Most Family Tree patients are young, with 92% under the age 36. And across all programs, 57% of participants are Black, Indigenous or People of Color. The new building will expand capacity by a third, with the organization projected to serve 32,000 people within the first year.

“This trauma-informed, art-infused, community-centered health facility is deeply rooted in our long-time commitment to health equity,” said Family Tree’s Executive Director Alissa Light. “The pandemic illuminated painful lessons about the depth of disparity in access to healthcare. Family Tree has a long history of centering populations who have been historically marginalized. We’re thrilled that our new facility is being built in the neighborhood with tremendous patient growth.”

The organization is closing in on its \$8M fundraising goal. To contribute, visit powertobuild.org and to learn more about Family Tree’s services, visit familytreeclinic.org

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