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Lions Meadows of Hope Breaks Ground on New Family Center

STILLWATER, Okla., Feb. 07, 2022—[Lions Meadows of Hope \(LMOH\)](#), a licensed foster care agency, held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new 4,500 sq ft Lions Meadows of Hope Family Center located at 750033 US-177, south of Perkins. Donated by the Main family, the 160-acre land was given for the purpose of providing a home for families to love and foster children. Their vision was for this land to provide an opportunity for caring individuals to have a place to serve children and, ultimately, provide refuge for foster children. Formerly known as the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch until 2015, LMOH is a foster care agency and official project of the [Lions Clubs of Oklahoma](#).

The family center will serve foster families living on the LMOH campus in The Paul and Ann Millburn Foster Care Community, as well as foster families in the surrounding counties. As a 2021 Angels in Adoption® Honoree awarded by [CCAI Institute](#), nominated by Senator Lankford's office and a 2022 ONE Award Finalist by the [Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits](#), LMOH has seen strong support and recognition from the community.

"I'm proud to support the mission of Lions Meadows of Hope as they care for and love foster children," said District 32 State Rep. Kevin Wallace, R-Wellston. "I'm thrilled to help celebrate the groundbreaking of their new family center, which will enable LMOH to serve even more children and keep brothers and sisters together in what can be a very stressful and frightening process."

The Family Center is LMOH's next step in its commitment to serving foster families well and providing a place to gather. It will include office space, a conference area, and space dedicated to counseling services. There are also plans for the facility to build an outside playground, basketball court, and pavilion.

LMOH received a \$200,000 grant from the [Mabee Foundation](#), \$100,000 from the [Lions Club International Foundation](#), and a \$100,000 donation from the Downtown Oklahoma City Lions Club towards the Family Center project. The rest of the funding came via the LMOH Capital Campaign. Construction is expected to be completed by Summer 2022 with Lambert Construction of Stillwater serving as general contractor.

"We were a children's home in the beginning, but on this campus, there are five homes for families who foster and keep brothers and sisters together," said Bryan Larison, LMOH executive director. "The new Family Center will be a place for our families to gather for various activities including birthday parties, foster parent training, karate classes, a cookout and more. Foster care can often feel like a lonely process, and our vision is to create an environment where those children and families know they belong. Our 160-acre campus will be a place of safety, learning, community, fellowship and healing. Truly a meadow of hope."

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About Lions Meadows of Hope

Lions Meadows of Hope (LMOH) is a foster care agency located in Payne County, Oklahoma. Founded in 1938, LMOH has been serving children that need the love of a family for over 83 years. LMOH trains, certifies and provides ongoing support to foster parents in Payne County and surrounding regions. We are proud to contract with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to place foster children across Oklahoma in safe and loving foster homes. You don't have to say yes to foster care to say yes to a foster child. To learn more about how you can volunteer, foster or make a difference please visit our website at www.lionsmoh.org

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