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MEDICINE BALL REIMAGINED

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An anchor institution for the health, wellness and vitality of Minneapolis

Allina Health Abbott Northwestern Hospital has been an anchor institution for South Minneapolis for nearly 140 years. Throughout our history, we have consistently recognized our role as a partner in the local neighborhood, supporting health care, jobs training and housing. And throughout our history, we have provided the consistently exceptional, compassionate care that has earned Abbott Northwestern recognition among **Newsweek's World's Best Hospitals 2021™**. What's more, we have also recently received **Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals Award™**, ranking in the top 2% of hospitals for exhibiting clinical excellence.

The world-changing events of 2020 revealed the profound needs of our local community and reaffirmed the critical need for Abbott Northwestern to be ever elevating in our ability to be the hospital it has become, the hospital that successfully treats the most acute and complex cases in the region.

We now have an opportunity that will enable us simultaneously to serve and support the community and to drive ongoing excellence in the hospital and across Allina Health. With the establishment of a new **Community and Education Center**, we will create a place where both care providers and community members will have opportunities to gather, learn and make connections. Where our neighbors will find a safe and welcoming place to collaborate. Where we will educate and train our physicians, nurses and staff. Where we will share and disseminate the knowledge and training that is integral to our mission.

The Vision: A Conference and Meeting Center

The center will feature conference and meeting spaces capable of broadcasting seminars regionally, nationally and globally. We will be able to receive cutting-edge knowledge and share with the world the results of our own research. Clinicians from Allina Health's 11 hospitals and 90 clinics, as well as professionals from other health care centers, academia, training programs, and policy institutes will gather here to learn and teach.

The Vision: A State of the Art Simulation Lab

The center will house a suite of simulation rooms (SIM labs) that replicate an operating room, an intensive care and emergency room, a labor and delivery room, and a standard patient room. Simulation learning has become the gold standard of training: teams of students learn skills using high-quality manikins as "patients" that can breathe, talk and respond to pain. The students emerge with hands-on training that reduces errors, enhances teamwork and improves patient outcomes.

The Vision: A Community Resource

From inception, the center has been designed in collaboration with the neighborhood with the goal of opening its doors to community-based organizations. By providing high quality facilities, we can support their work in building up community assets, including health, employment, housing and education. Whether bringing together nonprofits, businesses, clinicians, entrepreneurs, or artists who are at the forefront of community revitalization, or training future health care workers from the neighborhood, the center has powerful possibilities for strengthening our neighborhood.

Now is the time. Be a part of the solution.

Through the Community and Education Center, we have the potential to spark innovation, elevate care and inspire action to strengthen the health and well-being of our fellow citizens and neighborhoods.

Abbott Northwestern and Allina Health will continue to be a leading community partner. We will listen with compassion, respond to the changing times and advocate for community improvements for all of our neighbors. Philanthropic support advances our mission and makes this possible. By investing in the Community and Education Center, you are advancing health, healing and wellness for generations to come.



To learn more about supporting the Community and Education Center, naming opportunities, or how you can make a difference, please contact Richard Meyer at the **Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation** at **612-863-4126**.