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FLINT (WJRT) -- (03/18/11)--A state-of-the-art health center will soon open on the north side of Flint.

It will bring jobs and opportunity for thousands of low-income families. It's part of the Hamilton Community Health Network. They broke ground earlier this year and hope to open by December, adding 22 jobs.

After nearly 26 years in its current location, Hamilton Community Health is moving its headquarters. But not too far. They're building a brand-new clinic just down the road on North Saginaw Street in Flint.

"We've grown quite a bit over the past three to four years and much of that growth comes because of the economic situation that we have in the community and so many people need the services," said Hamilton Health Networks CEO Clarence Pierce.

It will be a one-stop shopping health clinic servicing low-income residents throughout the county. The clinic will be their biggest one yet.

"We will add a lot of additional services in this site, including dental, specialty care, vision," Pierce said.

Joseph Brooks and Dennis Cannon live just down the street. They're hopeful the sight will be a source of pride for the community.

"I think it's blessed that they've finally done something for the community and put it back because the old Hamilton was old and it will help bring people back to the community," Cannon said.

"Improve that particular area that most people are going to step up and try to improve it a little bit and it may even bring in some different businesses is what I'm hoping for," Brooks said.

Hamilton has 26,000 patients; by December they hope to increase that number. As for the location down the road, they're working on plans for the building. Ultimately they'd like to sell it.

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