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Announcement of new Urbana clinic

The wonderful news is that in February 2018 - just a few months ago - two new hospitals joined the OSF family, one of them in Danville - Sacred Heart - and the other one - Heart of Mary- in Champaign-Urbana. And that really enables us to provide more services than we have in the past and those services will really be able to help children and families in the community, decreasing their risk of the need to travel long distances. :28

Opportunity to provide care close to home for these patients

Children's Hospital of Illinois is actually the third largest Children's Hospital in Illinois and what we pride ourselves in is every person who takes care of a child, touches as a child, that's all they do is they take care of children. And so, yes, I think many families who could just not get access to certain highly specialized services in their home communities they actually had to travel to Peoria to get those services and one of our key tenets at OSF is to try and provide care as close to home as possible because kids need to go to school and parents need to go to work and we believe that if we can provide that care closer to home that is what we would like to do and this is the opportunity to do that. :42

Reaction of providers

17 clinics, 17 locations and mainly staffed by physicians and nurse practitioners who actually are also from the University so you get all that intellectual capital if you will. They are thrilled. They derive a tremendous level of satisfaction of knowing that those families don't have to drive all the way to Peoria they can actually stay right home. :23