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## Mercy Clinic of Fort Worth Purchases Historic Berry Street Theater

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As a part of the Mercy Clinic of Fort Worth 2020 Vision Campaign, Peggy Leitch, Executive Director announces the acquisition of Berry Street Theater property. The board of Mercy Clinic has strategically envisioned a state of the art medical and dental clinic to provide for the healthcare needs of the medically indigent in our community. The purchase of three lots adjacent to the theater in 2016 was the first step in this journey. The campaign, 2020 Vision takes another step forward with the purchase of Berry Street Theater and a nearby vacant lot through the generosity of donors to Mercy Clinic.

The future home of Mercy Clinic of Fort Worth is planned for the site next to the theater. The theater will be hub for community ministries to those in need not only for the immediate neighborhood, but also for individuals throughout the city of Fort Worth. The additional property will provide parking for the two buildings. "We see this an opportunity to contribute to healthier communities through compassionate care," states Peggy Leitch.

Mercy Clinic exists to show Christ's love and compassion by providing free health care and spiritual care to the underserved population of Fort Worth. Poor access to healthcare in the neighborhoods surrounding the clinic's location was documented in the UT Southwestern research studying life expectancies by <a href="mailto:right] zip code</a>. An investigative report by the Star Telegram in September 2020 further highlighted the healthcare and nutrition needs of residents in the <a href="mailto:red">76104</a> neighborhoods of Southside, Morningside, and Hillside.

Currently, Mercy Clinic provides medical and dental care to the uninsured living in 76104 and 76110 zip codes and will expand to the city of Fort Worth with an expansion into the new facility in the future.

For more information about the ministry of Mercy Clinic, visit our website, www.mercy-clinic.org.