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Shriners Hospitals for Children, Telehealth Care Network reaches Idaho

CC Idaho, EIRMC, & SHC partner to link children and parents with Orthopedic Specialists

December 15th, 2016 (Idaho Falls, ID) - The Community Family Clinic (CFC) of Idaho Falls, a service of Council of Idaho, Inc. (CC Idaho) will be hosting their third clinic with Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) Telehealth Care Network. With less than half a year of services using remote locations, hub SHC—Salt Lake City has saved \$2,332 in travel expenses and helped reduce travel for patients and their parents by 3,848 miles. CFC, in conjunction with the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC) will once again be helping families needing specialized and limited orthopedic care tomorrow afternoon, and invite the press to attend for an opportunity to learn about the telemedicine platform and its impact.

With such a vast area of service and so much need, CC Idaho and EIRMC felt the Telehealth Care Network was a natural fit for Idaho Falls. The partnership serves the common goal to provide access to adequate health care to as many patients as possible, decrease travel time and avoid possible accidents in winter months with horrid road conditions, and help children remain in their classes while parents avoid having to miss work.

The Telehealth Care Network Clinic space is located within the CFC medical building. Telehealth uses video consult for new and follow-up visits to connect physicians and patients without the long travel all the way to SLC. Telehealth clinic visits provide patients real-time care from their Shriners Hospitals physician with the support of a skilled facilitator. "We're the eyes and ears for the orthopedic surgeon. It's crucial that the patients feel we're an extension of their doctor as our clinicians perform exams", stated CFC Administrator Arnold Cantu, adding "We rely on our staff's expertise and the help from EIRMC imaging to provide quality health services."

SHC—Salt Lake City administration shares, "Onsite clinical facilitators at the Community Family Clinic have been trained by SHC—Salt Lake City Physicians to present pediatric orthopedic patients using advanced and cutting edge telehealth video communications. Seeing and interacting with the SHC physician through video using SHC's advanced tools and processes is almost like being there in person, only at a more convenient location for the patient and family."

Join CC Idaho, EIRMC, and SHC—Salt Lake City on Friday, 12.16.16 at 1:15 p.m. at CFC, 2088 East 25th Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83404. For detailed information and media requests, please contact:

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