



Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Park River, North Dakota

First Care Health Center

Quick Facts

Administrator:

Louise Dryburgh

Chief of Medical Staff:

O.S. Omotunde, M.D.

Board Chair: Jay Skorheim**City Population:**

1,366 (2007 estimate)

County Population:

10,880 (2008 estimate)

County Median Household Income:

\$42,238 (2007 estimate)

County Median Age:

40.9 years (2000 estimate)

Service Area Population:

20,000 (40 mile radius)

Owned by: Community based nonprofit corporation**Hospital Beds:** 14**Trauma Level:** IV**Critical Access Hospital Designation:** 2002**Economic Impact on the County*****Employment Impact:**

Direct – 84

Secondary – 38

Total – 122

Financial Impact:

Direct – \$4 million

Secondary – \$1.05 million

Total – \$5.05 million

Mission:

The Mission of First Care Health Center, founded by the Presentation Sisters, is to continue the healing Mission of Jesus in a rural setting. We are committed to a respect for each person; a caring Christian environment; professional excellence; promoting healthy communities; personal service; and an innovative spirit.

County: Walsh

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First Care Health Center (FCHC) is a nonprofit, community based critical access hospital and rural health clinic in Park River, North Dakota. FCHC is governed by a 10 member board of directors. In 2007, the facility completed a \$7.5 million building and renovation project including a new clinic addition and a completely modernized inpatient area and emergency room as well as general updates throughout the facility.

Services:

First Care Health Center provides the following services directly:

- General Medical Care
- Rural Health Clinic
- 24-hour Emergency Room
- Surgery (general surgery, ophthalmology procedures, and plastic surgery)
- Obstetrics
- Swing Bed & Respite Care
- Laboratory and Radiology Services (Mammography, CT Scan, MRI, Ultrasound, Bone Density, Nuclear Medicine, Computed Radiography)
- Cardiac Rehab
- Chemotherapy
- Nutritional Services/Diabetes Center
- Physical Therapy
- Respiratory Care & Sleep Studies
- Altru Home Services/Hospice at First Care Health Center
- Physician consultants including Ophthalmology, Pathology, Radiology, Podiatry and Gastroenterology
- Occupational Therapy/ Speech Therapy
- Drug Testing
- Home Oxygen Services
- EEG
- EKG
- Social Services
- Telemedicine

* Employment and financial impacts were estimated using economic multipliers derived from MIG 2007 IMPLAN data.

Staffing

Physicians: 2
 PAs: 1
 RNs: 14
 LPNs: 9
 Total Employees: 84

Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Bremer
- Center for Rural Health
 - SHIP Grant
 - Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program
- Dakota Medical Foundation
- Homeland Security
- Park River Community Foundation
- USDA Community Facility Grant

Sources

2007 City Population, U.S. Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Annual estimates (Table 4) (July 2008)

2008 County Population and 2007 County Median Household income
 US Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts.
 2000 County Median Age. North Dakota State Data Center. "The population Bulletin" Vol. 17 No. 6 June 2001.



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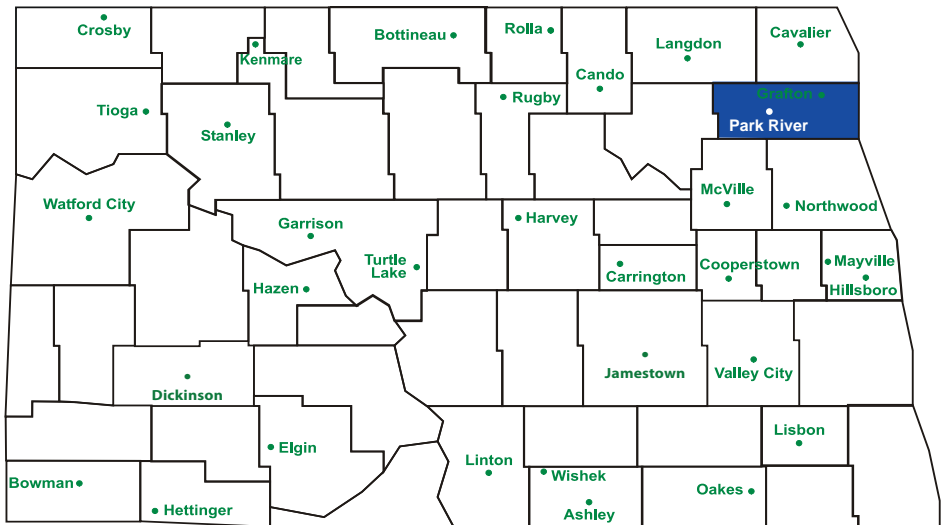
<http://ruralhealth.und.edu>

List of Services:

First Care Health Center provides the following services through contract or agreement:

- OT/Speech Therapy
- Anesthesia Services
- Mental Health Services
- Hearing services

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History:

First Care Health Center has a rich history that has historical “roots” in several countries. In Ireland in 1775, Nano Nagle founded a religious community, the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who had the unique mission for its time of seeking and assisting people in need. Years later, some of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary arrived in Fargo where they also looked for ways to help those in need.

In 1944, the Park River Hospital Association was formed to raise funds to build a hospital. Construction began six years later, after being postponed by World War II. The facility was named St. Ansgar’s Hospital after a little-known Scandinavian saint. Dr. Frank Weed, a founder of the hospital, approached the Sisters about providing management services for the facility. On July 10, 1952, St. Ansgar’s Hospital opened its doors for patients.

During the 1980’s and 1990’s St. Ansgar’s was affiliated with two different Catholic organizations to improve and strengthen the hospital. However on December 31, 2000, the Catholic affiliation ended with St. Ansgar’s Health Center. The facility became community based, First Care Health Center, and determined to continue the rich faith-filled tradition of the Sisters of the Presentation and to provide “Professional Care with a Personal Touch.”

Recreation:

Park River is in northeastern North Dakota. The city offers a progressive business climate, with both manufacturers and total employment force increasing. The town has a modernized downtown, modern and comprehensive school district, ambitious and innovative economic development agenda, and expanding industrial climate. Homme Dam Recreation Area is located two miles west of Park River, featuring picnic and camping facilities and almost 200 acres of sparkling water for water sports enthusiasts. Park River has a nine-hole golf course with grass greens, baseball diamonds, volleyball pit, an Olympic-sized city swimming pool, two tennis courts, an indoor ice arena, bowling alley, groomed cross-country skiing and snowmobile trails as well as hunting and fishing opportunities.