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Knights Health Center Announces Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department, together with Kalamazoo Public Schools and Loy Norrix High School, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Loy Norrix Knights Health Center. The school-based health center provides students access to personal and mental health services funded by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Child & Adolescent Health Center Program Implementation (CAHC) Grant Program.

Knights Health Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Details

Date: Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, 2 p.m.

Location: Loy Norrix High School

606 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

"I am thrilled to see the opening of the Knights Health Center at Loy Norrix," said Kalamazoo County Health Officer Jim Rutherford. "This initiative is a significant step toward ensuring that these 1,800 students have access to the healthcare they need to thrive, both academically and personally. By providing services right on campus, we can address health concerns early, reduce barriers to care, and support our young people's overall well-being, helping them to succeed not just in school, but in life."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will feature brief remarks from local officials, including Kalamazoo County Health Officer Jim Rutherford, KPS Superintendent Dr. Darrin Slade, and Loy Norrix Principal Chris Aguinaga. Tours of the new facility will be available following the ceremony.

"The Knights Health Center is a great example of community collaboration to help meet the medical and mental health needs of our students," said Loy Norrix Principal Chris Aguinaga. "Having direct access to low or no-cost care right in school can help improve attendance and the ability for our students to succeed in school. The impact has already been felt by several students even before the formal opening of the permanent location. This is such a great gift to the entire school community."

The Knights Health Center is staffed by a team of healthcare professionals who will offer confidential, high-quality care. Services include routine check-ups, immunizations, mental health support, and health education on topics such as nutrition, substance abuse prevention, and sexual health.

More information on the Knights Health Center can be found at their website

<https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/ph/knightshealth.php>

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