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Five Area Municipalities Open Second MiLife Health and Wellness Center Location in Ferndale

March 15, 2018, Oak Park, Michigan – Five area municipalities in collaboration with CareHere are holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. for the opening of the area’s second MiLife Health and Wellness Center to be located at 751 East Nine Mile Road, Suite 2, in Ferndale. The first location is located at 300 West Thirteen Mile Road in Madison Heights.

With this new facility, the cities of Oak Park and Hazel Park join Ferndale, Royal Oak and Madison Heights to collaborate with CareHere, a Tennessee-based healthcare organization that pioneers and continues to innovate employer-provided on-site and near-site primary care and occupational healthcare options. The result is not only cost and time savings for the employees and their dependents, but the potential for a reduction in overall healthcare costs to participating municipalities.

“Like many municipalities, the City of Oak Park has been actively pursuing ways to reduce our health care costs,” said Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate. “That said, we are excited to provide our employees with an opportunity to live a healthier life while lowering their out-of-pocket healthcare costs.”

The Ferndale location, named MiLife Nine Mile Health and Wellness Center, will offer primary care services without co-payments, deductibles or on-site generic medication costs to those enrolled within the participating healthcare plans; this translates into an out-of-pocket savings to the insured. Appointments are set online or over the phone and scheduled in such a way to reduce unnecessary wait time. Access to the Center will allow patients the ability to obtain wellness assessments, preventative care and primary care in a manner designed to maintain health, prevent illness, and reduce sick time.

The CareHere model has a proven track record of also providing significant healthcare savings to participating municipalities. The location, close to the employee’s work site, allows for convenient appointments with less time away from work. A focus on illness prevention reduces the long-term costs, while improving an employee’s health outcomes.

Seeing the growth in popularity of the first center in Madison Heights, the other municipalities began to consider the MiLife collaborative for their employees. This unique arrangement which is overseen and managed by CareHere, employs healthcare providers dedicated to the care and welfare of participating municipalities.

"CareHere is honored to have been chosen by the City of Oak Park as their partner in providing their employees with quality, cost-effective healthcare. Our providers and wellness coaches are committed to the care of each of

our patients by spending quality time with them in order to provide the optimal service with enthusiasm and compassion.” stated Ben Baker, CareHere Co-founder, and COO.

What: MiLife Nine Mile Health and Wellness Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Who: The Press/Media
When: Monday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.
Where: 751 East Nine Mile Road, Suite 2, Ferndale, Mich.

About Oak Park: The City of Oak Park is situated on the southern-most border of Oakland County, Mich., and serves as a suburban ambassador to Detroit. Incorporated as a city in 1945, Oak Park’s current population exceeds 29,300 and is home to more than 500 local businesses, including corporate headquarters.

About CareHere

CareHere is a trusted healthcare organization that pioneered and continues to innovate employer provided on-site and near-site primary care and occupational health at significant cost savings. CareHere partners with employers to inspire their employees and families to achieve well-being and health through innovative, quality, cost-effective healthcare solutions. Started in 2004, and known for their patient-centered approach and delivering their care with enthusiasm and compassion, CareHere’s health centers see patients for acute and chronic conditions in nearly 225 health centers nationwide.

About CareHere HIPPA

CareHere’s abides by all federal HIPPA and confidentiality regulations. Patient’s records are private and secure and never shared with the employer or anyone else without their direction.

About Cornerstone Municipal Advisory Group

Cornerstone Municipal Advisory Group brought the employer-sponsored health and wellness center concept to the cities of Ferndale, Madison Heights, and Royal Oak more than three years ago. Seeing the growth in popularity of the existing center in Madison Heights, the cities of Hazel Park and Oak Park decided to investigate the MiLife collaborative. The concept involved an expansion of the existing centers to include the two additional communities. Cornerstone shepherded the cities through a process of cost analysis whereby Hazel Park and Oak Park decided to join the existing cities in their venture. Cornerstone then guided the cities through the council approval process and the implementation process for the build-out which started in 2017. The latest collaboration of the five MiLife member communities allows for expanded access to the primary and preventive healthcare services offered by the two health and wellness centers now located in Madison Heights and Ferndale.

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