

GUIDING STAR WAKOTA

New Building Heralds Service Expansion

The walls came tumbling down last week at the Wakota Life-Care Center on Robert Street South. In their place, construction has started on a two-story, 10,000-square-foot building that will house the renamed and revitalized Guiding Star Wakota—the nonprofit organization that for more than four decades has provided compassionate care to pregnant women, their infants, and their families.

“We have a long history of serving women in northern Dakota County and Ramsey County. Our programs and services will not only continue but also expand when Guiding Star Wakota moves into its new space next year,” said Renee Skidmore, president of the Guiding Star Wakota Board of Directors. “We’ll have the capacity to offer many more services on site, such as an expanded curriculum of parenting and life skills classes, doula support, mental health counseling, and facilitated support groups.” In addition, Wakota plans to partner with a medical clinic to provide on-site, life-affirming healthcare services for entire families

Contributions from individual donors have covered much of the \$2.9 million construction cost, with major funding provided by the Peter J. King Family Foundation.

While construction is underway, Guiding Star Wakota has relocated to Suite 14A at Signal Hills Center at 1201 Robert Street S. It is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.