

Architectural drawings show the new Cascadia Garlington Center coming this year to Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. in the Eliot Neighborhood. The development will include a new community-centered healthcare model that combines mental health care and addiction services with primary care, in addition to addressing the need for affordable housing with an adjacent 52-unit apartment building.



Garlington Center expansion to begin this year

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Northeast Portland's Garlington Center, a longtime provider of mental health care and addiction services in the African American community, is scheduled to break ground this year on a new \$20 million health clinic that will integrate behavior health care with primary care and address the increasing need for affordable housing.

The major development by Cascadia Behavioral Health was put together with the help of local donors and organizations. One of those groups, FamilyCare Health, a Medicare and Medicaid insurer serving lower-income residents, recently announced it was supporting the construction with a gift of \$500,000.

The Garlington Center was named and dedicated in

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Local donors and organizations come together to support a "Building a Culture of Caring" campaign to support the construction of a new Cascadia Garlington Center that will serve the African American community and other local residents. Pictured (from left) are FamilyCare Health President Jeff Heatherington, Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith, Cascadia Behavioral Health President Derald Walker and FamilyCare Health Board Chair Robin Richardson.