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A grand opening ribbon is cut on Friday in celebration of the new Garlington Campus at 3036 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., a new home for the Garlington Health Center serving disadvantaged populations, and the new affordable Garlington Place apartments. Pictured from left are Cascadia Behavioral Health President and CEO Derald Walker, Emmett Wheatfall, Andrew Colas, Mayor Ted Wheeler, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury, Michelle DePasse, and Michael Buonocore.

New Garlington Campus

Expansion adds health services, housing

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Governmental officials and community members joined Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare's grand

opening and ribbon cutting ceremony Friday to celebrate the new Garlington Center Campus, home to the Garlington Health Center and Garlington Place Apartments at 3036 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The center delivers integrated healthcare in the form of mental health, substance use support, primary care, and wellness services and has an adjacent 52-unit afford-

able housing apartment building where Cascadia clients, veterans, and displaced north and northeast Portland residents can call home.

Named after the late Rev. Dr. John W. Garlington Jr. and his wife, Yvonne Garlington, who together established a compassionate voice for Portland's African American population within the social services community, the center hon-

ors the Garlington's devotion to improving the areas of education, employment, police-community relations and their ministry to individuals and families experiencing poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

The Garlingtons, who died tragically in a car accident in 1986, were survived by a large family, many members of which spoke and were present at the ceremony.