University of Kansas Medical Center will ceremonially break ground on Health Education Building
State and regional leaders celebrate $75 million facility that expands education of health care workers in Kansas

What: The University of Kansas Medical Center will ceremonially break ground on its $75 million Health Education Building that will enable the university to train more physicians, nurses and allied health care professionals and address critical health care worker shortages in Kansas.

Who: Special guests Gov. Sam Brownback, Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, Hall Family Foundation representative Angela Smart, donor Dr. David Zamierowski, and other elected officials will join University of Kansas Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, KU Medical Center leaders, alumni, faculty, staff and students.

When: 11 a.m.
Thursday, August 27, 2015

Where: 39th Street and Rainbow Boulevard
Northeast corner, adjacent to the west side of Dykes Library on 39th Street

Background: The Health Education Building will serve as the primary teaching facility for the KU schools of Medicine, Nursing and Health Professions. Amenities include significant simulation space and flexible, state-of-the-art learning space to support interprofessional education, a competency-based medical school curriculum and other new models of teaching.

The project is funded by $25 million in state bonds, $15 million from the University of Kansas Medical Center and private gifts raised through KU Endowment. Total private support raised to date from alumni and friends is $37.3 million, which includes a $25 million lead gift from the Hall Family Foundation, of Kansas City, Missouri. David and
Marilyn Zamierowski, of Overland Park, Kansas, made a lead gift for simulation equipment and facilities that will be recognized as the Zamierowski Institute for Experiential Learning, with locations in the Health Education Building and Sudler Hall. Fundraising will continue during construction to meet anticipated increases in expenses related to technology and equipment for the building.

Helix, a Kansas City-based architecture firm, and CO Architects, a Los Angeles-based architecture firm, will serve as the design team on the project. The university has engaged McCown Gordon as the project’s general contractor.

Construction will begin on the project in mid-September.

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