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**MCFARLAND CLINIC AND ISU RESEARCH PARK ANNOUNCE
PLANS FOR NEW HEALTH CARE AND CHILD CARE FACILITY**

AMES, Iowa- February 8, 2017- McFarland Clinic announced plans to purchase land and construct a facility at the ISU Research Park. The Clinic is in the final stages of a purchase agreement with the ISU Research Park with plans to break ground by June of 2017. The proposed facility would open in Spring 2018.

“The growth of businesses in ISU Research Park and residential housing presents a need for access to health care as well as child care services” said Andrew Perry, McFarland Clinic Chief Executive Officer. “Our desire is for McFarland Clinic to be easily accessible for research park employees and area residents in this rapidly growing part of our community.”

The proposed 33,000 square footage facility will house the McFarland Clinic South Ames Office (23,700 square feet) and include clinical space for up to 13 healthcare professionals in family medicine, physical therapy, sports medicine, and optometry. In addition, McFarland Clinic is pleased to announced that Lily Pad Learning Center of Huxley and Madrid will lease space in the facility (9,300 square feet) and begin offering new childcare programs in Ames.

“McFarland Clinic is the ideal partner for us to fill the need for accessible healthcare for our growing research park community,” said Steve Carter, President ISU Research Park. “While we are focused on bringing amenities to our tenants, we are also cognizant of the need this fills for quality care for Ames families. They’ve proven to be excellent partners by accommodating Lily Pad Childcare in their space; both will be a strong addition to the ‘hub square’ area we are working to establish in the newest phase of our development.”

The McFarland South Ames Office will be the 5th location for McFarland primary care services in the Ames community. Currently, 42 primary care providers serve patients in the 1215 Duff Office, Family Medicine East, West Ames, and North Ames Offices.

“With the growing aspect of businesses along with a fitness center and restaurant in the ISU Research Park, we are pleased to announce our role in bringing additional services and amenities to this area,” said Andrew Perry.

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Lily Pad Learning Center will open its first Ames-based site in the proposed facility. The facility will offer a convenient drive-up, drop off access to the Center for parents.

“We are thrilled to be expanding our business to serve the research park and greater Ames community with an established partner like McFarland Clinic,” said Sara Hillebrand, Executive Director/Owner of Lily Pad Learning Center. “Already they have proven to be understanding of our unique needs and have gone above and beyond as we’ve designed our portion of the space to meet the needs of the little people we serve. Their willingness to partner with us has allowed us to stay focused on what we do best, and that is serve children and their families.”

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About McFarland Clinic

McFarland Clinic is central Iowa's largest physician-owned multi-specialty clinic. A total of 228 McFarland Clinic healthcare providers and 1,000 staff members serve residents in 12 Iowa communities with additional communities served by physician outreach clinics. McFarland Clinic provides easy and convenient access to care with the ability to schedule appointments online with primary care providers at Schedule.McFarlandClinic.com. Patients of McFarland Clinic also benefit from a patient portal, MyChart, to access medical records and communicate electronically with the doctor's office. For more information or to contact McFarland Clinic, go to McFarlandClinic.com.

ABOUT ISU RESEARCH PARK

The Iowa State University Research Park (ISURP) is a 29-year-old real estate development community closely affiliated with Iowa State University. ISURP assists both established and startup companies in connecting with Iowa State's vast infrastructure to grow their enterprises; whether through students, research entities, equipment or a multitude of other resources. ISURP is currently home to more than 70 companies, employs 1,700 people and occupies 600,000 square feet of commercial real estate on 400 acres. ISURP recently expanded into 200 acres of developable space, which will include tenant amenities, a park and multi-use trails. For more information on ISURP, call 515.296.4204 or visit isupark.org.

About Lily Pad Learning Center

At LilyPad Learning Center, we believe in the value and uniqueness of each child we serve. Our childcare experience is designed to promote each child's own individual social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. As caregivers and educators, our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment which fosters a child's natural desire to explore, discover, create, and become a lifelong learner.



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