

Community Highlights



ROLLERTOWN'S FIRST HOSPITAL OPENS TO PATIENTS

The brand-new Methodist Celina Medical Center welcomed its first patients on March 17, 2025, opening its doors moments before the sun rose to give one of the nation's fastest-growing cities a new home for healthcare.

"Attention, attention," a Celina Fire Department dispatcher announced over the radio that Monday morning, "Methodist Celina Medical Center is now open and accepting ambulances."

The Collin County boomtown's first hospital — and the 13th owned by or affiliated with Methodist Health System — welcomed its first patients at 7 a.m. That milestone comes nearly two years after work began on the 240,000-square-foot facility, located on 40 acres of Blackland prairie alongside the northern reaches of the Dallas North Tollway.

"It took us 97 years to get here, but we're darn glad we're here," said Chief Executive Officer **James C. Scoggin Jr.**, paying tribute to the health system's near-century-long mission of serving underserved communities. "We go where there's need, and we meet that need. We run to it."

A crowd representing the 200-plus staff members at Methodist Celina cheered as the signs over the emergency entrance blazed to life, giving the surrounding communities and the paramedics who serve them a new option for lifesaving care closer to home.

"The sign's on, the ER's open, and we're really excited about caring for our first patients," hospital President **Cody Hunter**, MHA, FACHE, said shortly after the hospital opened. "Our team is ready, willing, and able. We've got you."



STAFF TAKES SHAPE TO SERVE HOMETOWN HOSPITAL

A new hospital means new job opportunities for the community as a staff more than 200 strong give Celina a new home for healthcare.

First, the hospital hosted a hiring event last year that attracted over 300 job seekers. Attendees had the opportunity to connect and interview with hiring managers, leadership, and members of the Talent Acquisition team.

The success of the event reflected the strong demand for healthcare jobs in the area and is indicative of the growing healthcare needs of the community.

Then, in the weeks before the hospital opened, more than 100 new employees attended orientation together, building bonds before the doors opened. The class was so large that New Hire Orientation had to be split into two groups on day one at Methodist Dallas.

President **Cody Hunter**, MHA, FACHE, was on hand in Dallas to welcome the new employees.



CLINICS OFFER PRIMARY CARE IN CELINA AND PROSPER

Two Methodist Family Health Centers opened last year in the Collin County towns of Celina and Prosper, giving members of the community their first look at healthcare from Methodist.

The new clinics span 3,800 and 2,600 square feet respectively and include several exam rooms.

"I'm excited to help Methodist expand its primary-care offerings

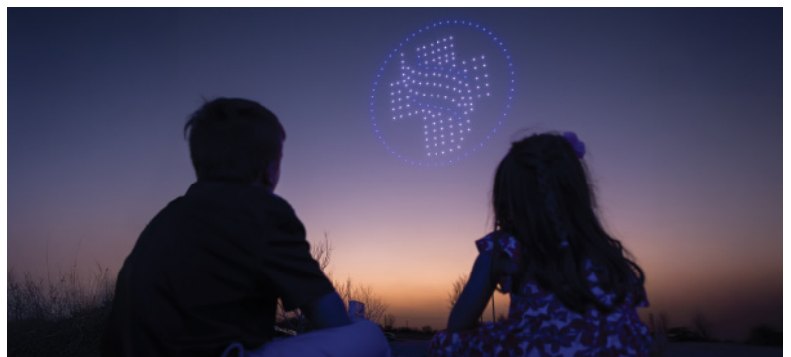
into a thriving community that seems eager to have more healthcare options," said **Hong An (Annie) Nguyen**, MD, family medicine physician at the Celina location on Preston Road.

William Dodge, MD, provides primary care for patients of all ages, including sports physicals and preventive medicine, at the Prosper location on Frontier Parkway.



Celina families and community leaders got their first glimpses inside their hometown hospital days before Methodist Celina Medical Center officially opened its doors on March 17, 2025, giving local residents a new home for compassionate, quality healthcare.

At the first of two grand opening celebrations capped off by custom light shows put on by Skyworx Drone Shows, Celina Mayor Ryan Tubbs thanked Methodist executives, physicians on the medical staff, and other team members who welcomed the hospital's grand opening shoulder to shoulder with the community.



“You’ve built not just a hospital but a cornerstone of our community’s future,” Tubbs told a crowd of about 200 city and system leaders who toured the hospital. “To the healthcare professionals who will bring this facility to life, you are the heart and soul of what Methodist Celina Medical Center will become.”

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

The grand opening was steeped in the history of Celina, nicknamed Rollertown because its industrious residents once loaded their homes and businesses onto rollers to move closer to a new rail stop at the turn of the 20th century. In recent years, the city has flourished, serving notice as one of America’s true boomtowns.

“Methodist saw our future before others did,” said Tubbs, noting that his city’s population has tripled in the past decade. “Your presence here represents a vote of confidence in what Celina is becoming.”

The hospital strikes a stunning profile with four stories of glass and steel rising from what was once 40 acres of pastureland where cattle grazed and wildflowers blossomed.

“Two years ago, this was just a big field full of longhorns,” said **Pam Stoyanoff**, MBA, CPA, FACHE, president and chief operating officer of Methodist. “This gorgeous \$237 million hospital will open with 51 beds and the ability to expand beyond that in the years to come.”

TRUST IS EARNED

The hospital’s staff will continue to grow, too, as Methodist builds on the more than 200 healthcare professionals hired so far. Their mission now is to win the trust of their neighbors

“Trust is part of the framework of Methodist,” said hospital President **Cody Hunter**, MHA, FACHE. “We’ll have the opportunity to earn that trust from Celina and the surrounding communities — day after day, patient after patient, and moment after moment.”

That mission took root more than two years ago when local outreach efforts began, even before the hospital’s groundbreaking proceeded unfazed by a winter storm.

“You’ve seen us participating at community events and celebrations, you’ve seen us at Celina Bobcats football games, and you’ve seen us contributing to the local economy,” Stoyanoff said. “Methodist has a long history of embracing the communities we serve.”

FAITH-DRIVEN MISSION

Before the light show began, Hunter closed his remarks with a nod to the illuminated crosses that dominate the hospital’s façade, reflecting the faith-driven purpose behind Methodist Celina’s lifesaving mission.

“When you see those blue lights on the horizon and the glowing crosses facing west and north,” he said, “know that this community can trust Methodist.”



COMMUNITY WELLNESS



METHODIST SPONSORS CELINA'S BIGGEST HALLOWEEN EVENT: BEWARE! OF THE SQUARE

Methodist Celina had a spirited presence at the City of Celina's Beware! of the Square event, which transformed the downtown square into a lively, festive hub of Halloween excitement. Gathering in the downtown square, thousands of zombies, Jedis, and princesses went trick-or-treating, visited haunted houses, and painted pumpkins.

In the heart of the event, Methodist Celina leadership handed out candy, reflective bracelets, and bags. The booth was a popular spot for locals asking questions on the construction of the new hospital. The hospital's involvement helped ensure the event was more than just a Halloween celebration — it was a reminder of the importance of community and care.

BOBCATS, COWBELLS, AND MUMS: CELEBRATING A HOMECOMING VICTORY

Methodist Celina is proud to be a top sponsor of the local Celina Quarterback Club, solidifying the hospital's commitment to supporting the health, well-being, and initiatives of the Celina ISD Athletics Department and student athletes.

The hospital was present to celebrate a Homecoming football game victory at Bobcat Stadium, handing out thousands of cowbells, amplifying the roar and celebrations of the crowd. The hospital also joined the Homecoming parade, where bubbles and the sound of cowbells flowed from a festively decorated pickup truck.



METHODIST CELINA LIGHTS UP THE SQUARE

Methodist Celina spread holiday cheer as a proud sponsor of Celina's Christmas on the Square event, a much-anticipated tradition that draws thousands of families from across the community. The downtown square was like a winter wonderland with twinkle lights on every tree and the scent of hot cocoa in the air. Families gathered for a tree-lighting ceremony, photos with reindeer, and a visit from St. Nick. Hospital staff helped make spirits bright by greeting attendees with holiday-themed promotional items such as Santa beards and activity books and spreading the good news about Methodist Celina's opening.

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