



**White Bird Clinic**

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**Dental Clinic Grand Opening January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***The state-of-the-art clinic increases capacity by more than 70%, so more community members can get immediate relief for pressing dental problems.***

EUGENE, OREGON – *The grand opening of White Bird’s expanded dental clinic will be January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4pm to 6pm. The community is invited to tour the new facility at 1415 Pearl St. and celebrate with us.*

Too many unhoused and low-income community members need dental care that they cannot access. White Bird Dental has responded by building a larger clinic that increases capacity by over seventy percent and accommodates twelve dental chairs. The new facility will make it easier for community members suffering with dental pain to get immediate, walk-in access to a dentist, and also allow White Bird to serve more elderly patients, children, and families.

White Bird has invested \$2.5M to develop a state-of-the-art facility that provides acute and preventative oral health care to our community’s most vulnerable residents. The clinic’s design features the latest innovations in modern dentistry, and a bright, airy space. The facility lets patients know that they are valued members of the community who deserve excellence in health care.

White Bird is expanding dental, medical, CAHOOTS, and crisis services to meet our community’s growing needs. The medical clinic is now open forty hours a week, we’re developing a walk-in clinic, and White Bird mobile medical will bring medicine to the people, where they’re at. CAHOOTS has expanded coverage in Eugene by 5 hours each day which means more vans on the road, more hours of the day for faster response times. The crisis program moved to a larger facility at 990 W 7th Ave adjacent to the Whitaker. The new facility is quiet, safe, comfortable, ADA accessible, and trauma informed. We offer walk-in crisis counseling and operate a 24/7 hotline out of our new home.

In order to care for our most vulnerable community members, White Bird is growing many different programs at once; we’re turning to the community for support and partnership. Please call 541.342.8255 or visit [www.whitebirdclinic.org](http://www.whitebirdclinic.org) to donate to the project of your choice.

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In 1969, a group of student activists and concerned practitioners came together to provide crisis services and free medical care for counter-culture youth in Eugene, OR. Having grown continuously since then, today White Bird Clinic has 10 programs, 220 staff members, and more than 400 volunteers each year.