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How Urban Family Practice is saving primary care on Buffalo's East Side

(BUFFALO, N.Y., January 22, 2018) - Urban Family Practice is opening its second location **today, Monday, January 22, 2018, at 1315 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, at 8:30 a.m.** The primary care practice is opening at the site of the former UB Family Medicine Clinic.

Last June, 7,000 patients, mainly East Side residents, received a letter stating that their neighborhood primary practice office was closing its doors, leaving these individuals without a convenient, close-to-home, family doctor. After 12 years, UB Family Medicine on Jefferson Avenue and West Utica Street was facing a challenge recruiting physicians to the practice. Closing seemed inevitable.

Enter Urban Family Practice and its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Raul Vazquez. He saved the clinic by purchasing it and in turn expanding his burgeoning West Side primary practice to the East Side. The new Jefferson Avenue Urban Family Practice will be run by Dr. Chet Fox, a former professor at the State University New York at Buffalo Medical School, and a champion for the East Side practice.

"Dr. Vazquez immediately swept in to save (the Jefferson family practice office) because he's just got a heart for helping people in the community," said Dr. Fox. "So he purchased the site, and I was there, so I get to be the clinical leader at my old site – so my new site, is my old site."

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The opening of Jefferson Family Practice could not come at a better time. Along with the closure of UB Family Medicine's Jefferson site, Lifetime Health has also shuttered its doors, including its William E. Moser Health Clinic, a large medical center located on the East Side. Dr. Fox said that the closing of the Mosher Clinic means another 5,000 to 7,000 patients are looking for a primary care doctor. Urban Family Practice will absorb as many of those patients as it can.

"I'm excited that we can do this for the community, I'm excited that we can restore primary care, and that we can do it in a way that we're building the care model of the future," said Dr. Fox. "It's about value, but it's about quality at the most efficient cost – it's about doing the right thing for the right person at the right time."

Jefferson Urban Family Practice is located at 1315 Jefferson Avenue at East Utica. To schedule an appointment, please call (716) 332-3797. For more information about Urban Family Practice, visit www.urbanfamilypractice.com

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