

# Intermountain Transformation Center Holds Opening Event

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA, October 4, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Intermountain Kem C. Gardner Transformation Center officially opened in September with a grand opening event and tours of the facility. The 120,000-square-foot center is located on the northeast corner of the Intermountain Medical Center campus in Murray, Utah. It's designed to help Intermountain Healthcare improve healthcare both at home and abroad.

"I feel like I'm standing in a place where the future is going to be created," Intermountain CEO Marc Harrison, MD, said at the grand opening. "I'm confident we're going to make a big difference here."



New Intermountain Transformation Center

The Transformation Center, where leaders from Intermountain and from healthcare organizations across the globe will collaborate and be trained to develop and deliver the highest clinical quality at the lowest sustainable cost, was made possible with a \$20 million donation from Kem C. Gardner, who is a former Intermountain board chair and current chairman of the Intermountain Foundation Board.

Gardner said he's grateful to be a part of the "momentous undertaking," to "accelerate what's possible." He added: "Within these walls physicians, healthcare leaders, and thought leaders from around the world will come together to solve the biggest problems facing healthcare."

"This building is not only beautiful, it's inspiring," said Charles Sorenson, MD, Intermountain's president and CEO emeritus and founding director of the Healthcare Leadership Institute. He said changes need to happen on the front lines of healthcare, where clinicians interact with the patient — and creating change will require strong, effective leaders who understand both clinical and operational leadership.

Dr. Sorenson said training offered in the Leadership Institute will be more about character and moral force than strategic insights. "The good news is values-based leadership can be taught," he said. "We'll focus on building character so leaders can connect with people and inspire trust."

The first group of "visionaries" to attend the Leadership Institute is set to arrive on October 15.

Former Governor Mitt Romney, a longtime friend of Mr. Gardner, spoke at the event and said he witnessed the value of using best practices to lower cost during his career in consulting. "We compared similar procedures provided at similar hospitals around the country, and found the

differences were sometimes more than 200 percent," Governor Romney said. "Surprisingly, the ones with the lowest costs usually had the best outcomes."

Governor Romney said Intermountain has long been a leader in providing high quality care at a lower cost, and the rest of the country and the world has a lot to learn from Intermountain. "The learning that will be provided here will last for generations," he said.

The new Transformation Center, Dr. Harrison said, is perfectly poised to help fulfill Intermountain's mission — helping people live the healthiest lives possible. "This center is a confluence of the past, present, and a very bright future," he said.

Intermountain Healthcare is a Utah-based not-for-profit system of 23 hospitals, 170 clinics, a Medical Group with about 2,300 employed physicians and advanced practice clinicians, a health plans group called SelectHealth, and other medical services. Intermountain is widely recognized as a leader in transforming healthcare through high quality and sustainable costs. For more information about Intermountain, visit [www.intermountainhealthcare.org](http://www.intermountainhealthcare.org).

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