

BRONSON SOUTH HAVEN: 2018 – A YEAR OF PROGRESS

As part of the region's leading healthcare system, Bronson South Haven continued to invest in people, technology and equipment as well as programs and services in 2018. This included welcoming several new primary care providers, installing new nuclear medicine equipment, opening a Bronson FastCare clinic, and partnering with the Bronson Health Foundation to establish a Safe Kids Coalition. We also successfully transitioned surgery services to Bronson LakeView Hospital where South Haven surgeons Drs. Nikkel and Caudill are now performing surgery.

Our biggest achievement was the decision to build a new hospital and medical office building in South Haven. Designed around the services most utilized by the community today, as well as services that meet identified community health needs, the planned \$22 million development far exceeds the \$18 million commitment Bronson Healthcare made in 2017 to invest in hospital improvements. Not only will this development help advance quality, service and access to care for area residents, it will replace the current hospital and eliminate substantial costs associated with maintaining an aging facility.

Programming and architectural design are underway, and, pending requisite approvals from state regulatory agencies, construction could begin as early as fall of 2019 and be completed by the end of 2020. The new hospital will have 8 inpatient beds, a 14-bed emergency department, lab and imaging services, pharmacy, and medical offices for both primary care and specialty providers.

This is an exciting, once in a lifetime opportunity to create a state-of-the-art destination for healthcare services along the lakeshore. We will provide updates to the community as the plan evolves, and as design and construction information become available.

Together, we advance the health of our communities.

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New Imaging Equipment Provides Patients with More Options

On October 8, 2018, the installation of our new nuclear medicine equipment was completed. The new GE Discovery NM 630 replaces an eighteen-year-old camera. The new technology provides enhanced imaging, improved patient comfort, and improved network connectivity.



As opposed to traditional 2-D mammography, 3-D technology offers enhanced three-dimensional views of the breast.

Having these advanced imaging capabilities will provide South Haven area

In addition to new nuclear medicine equipment, a new state-of-the-art 3-D tomosynthesis mammography unit is planned for 2019.

patients with improved imaging options and allows them to get their diagnostic testing done close to home.

SAFE KIDS GREATER SOUTH HAVEN

New Safe Kids Coalition in Greater South Haven

In September 2018, Bronson South Haven partnered with Safe Kids Worldwide to launch a Safe Kids Coalition in the

greater South Haven area. Safe Kids Worldwide is a nonprofit organization committed to helping families and communities keep kids safe from unintentional injuries. Safe Kids Greater South Haven will serve children from newborns to 19 years old who reside in South Haven, Bangor and Covert. It will be funded through the Bronson Health Foundation.



Pam Ford, the new Safe Kids Greater South Haven coordinator, has many years of experience in school classrooms and the South Haven community. She has been a teacher, a nutrition educator and has also

worked for several years in curriculum development.

Preventable injuries are the number one killer of kids in the United States. Every year, more than 8,000 families in the U.S. lose a child to a preventable injury. Nearly 7.7 million more children are treated for injuries. Safe Kids Greater South Haven will focus on child passenger safety, wheeled and winter sport safety, and water safety. Additionally, Safe Kids Greater South Haven will also assist area fire departments in fire and carbon monoxide safety, and will support schools and community groups with educational opportunities.

Safe Kids will organize opportunities for car seat safety checks at the Bronson Wellness Center, as well as quarterly car seat safety check events at various locations throughout the community. Bronson South Haven has three certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who will be able to attend these events and educate caregivers on the correct selection, installation, and use of car seats, booster seats and seat belts.



New Equipment and Upgrades Mark Bronson Wellness Center's 10th Anniversary

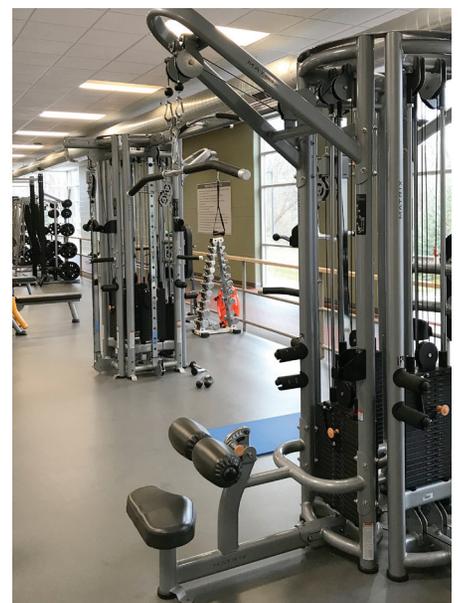
The Bronson Wellness Center (BWC) in South Haven had an amazing 2018, starting with celebrating its 10th Anniversary and wrapping up with a significant makeover as it heads into 2019. Over the past year, Bronson has invested just over \$500,000 in capital improvements encompassing all areas of the club.

The Bronson Wellness Center pool now has a new quartz surface and replacement pool ladders. The childcare room features a new play structure, flooring, cabinets and countertops, making the area even more family friendly.

The list of 2018 improvements includes:

- Carpet and Mondo sports flooring and base throughout the facility
- Matrix Ultra strength equipment
- Matrix Magnum free weigh equipment
- Ivanko weight plates
- Matrix Indoor cycles (Dec 2018)
- Matrix Connexus personal training platform (Dec 2018)
- Café and lobby furniture
- ActiveLinxx Color Personal Training Partners
- Childcare cabinets and countertops
- Childcare play structure
- Resurfaced all three pools with quartz surface and replaced all ladders
- New water exercise equipment
- New yoga equipment
- Fresh paint throughout facility

Besides having a great year of facility updates, the Bronson Wellness Center achieved an all-time membership high this summer exceeding 2,600 active members. We are proud of the services the Bronson Wellness Center brings to so many community members on a daily basis.



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Bronson FastCare Expands into South Haven

On August 1, 2018, Bronson FastCare South Haven was opened, replacing the previous urgent care. In doing so, access to affordable, convenient care needs was improved for area residents. By narrowing the scope of care offered at Bronson FastCare, the charges are held to a flat rate of \$69.00 compared to the national average of \$150-\$300 at urgent care centers. This is especially beneficial for those with no insurance or high deductible insurance.

The hours of service were also expanded to twelve hours during the week. Additionally, Bronson FastCare is open both Saturday and Sunday as well as all holidays except Christmas Day.

Conditions treated at Bronson FastCare include allergies, athlete's foot, cold sores, infections such as ear infection, impetigo, mononucleosis, pink eye, sinus infection, swimmer's ear, upper respiratory, urinary tract (females only), flu symptoms, insect bites, minor burns and rashes, poison ivy, ringworm, and sore throat. In addition, we provide the following support services:

- Basic lab services – Monospots, pregnancy test, rapid strep test and urinalysis (females only)
- Blood pressure checks
- Camp physicals
- Immunizations (Flu and Tdap vaccine only)
- Screenings
- Sports physicals



In Memoriam: Donald Hixson

July 11, 1936 - November 9, 2018

With appreciation for Don's service to our hospital and our community.

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