

VA center opens door to care

Top health care development: VA Charlotte Health Care Center

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Construction wrapped this spring on a 295,000-square-foot health-care center in Charlotte that serves veterans.

The U.S Department of Veterans Affairs opened its outpatient center in April after a 24-month building process. The six-story building sits on 35 acres at West Tyvola Road and Cascade Pointe Boulevard, located near Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

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Charlotte Veterans Affairs Health Care Center

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[Childress Klein](#) and Virginia-based [Cambridge Development Group](#) partnered in developing the facility, which is more than four times the size of the VA's other outpatient clinic in University City. The VA is leasing the medical complex for about \$13 million annually over the next 20 years.

The center, part of the Salisbury VA Health Care System, expands upon the types of health-care services veterans can receive. It offers enhanced outpatient care and specialty services, including neurology, dental and oncology for as many as 35,000 local veterans each year.

The state-of-the-art medical center is among the largest VA facilities in the U.S. It was one of seven approved for construction in 2010.

The Charlotte center has the potential to employ nearly 700 people in the future.

Key Players

Developer: Childress Klein and Cambridge Development Group, of Herndon, Va.

Architect: RPA Design

General contractor: [JE Dunn](#)

Financial partner: [Halle Enterprises](#)

By the numbers

\$145M - total project value

295,000 - square footage

35,000 - number of Charlotte-area veterans the center is expected to serve each year

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