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Homeless center breaks ground on children's building



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Two North Florida construction companies are donating their services for the construction of a new children's wing at the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless.

The North Florida division of D.R. Horton Inc. (NYSE: DHI) and the W.G. Pitts Co. will together provide construction services for the William R. and Frances B. Barnett Children's Building.

Representatives from the construction companies and the homeless center were joined by Mayor John Peyton in a groundbreaking ceremony Monday. The Frances Barnett Charitable trust provided funding for the facility, which will cover nearly 2,000 square feet and feature computer labs, a small library and recreation areas.

"We'll offer a host of activities including karate lessons, tutoring sessions and other planned events," said Sherry Burns, president and CEO of the Sulzbacher Center. "We commend D.R. Horton, the W.G. Pitts Co. and all of our contributing sponsors who have helped to make this wonderful vision a reality."

Later this spring the homeless center will break ground on a 25,000-square-foot medical facility that will also house the center's administrative offices.