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## St. Vincent rehab center opens at Anson

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St. Vincent Health has found a new place in Boone County – the new Anson building holding Witham Health Service's freestanding emergency room and health facility.

St. Vincent now provides adult and pediatric rehabilitation services in 5,000 square feet in Witham's Anson building.

"This Anson project was a partnership between Witham and St. Vincent," said Johnny Smith, media contact for St. Vincent Health. "It made sense to partner with Witham because they've had a longtime presence in Boone County as well."

Offering rehabilitation services at Anson will mean some patients don't have to drive as far for their appointments, Smith said.

Tammy Rabe, director of marketing and public relations for Witham, said the hospital is excited that St. Vincent has opened the office at Anson.

"More services available to the residents of Whitestown, Zionsville and other nearby communities will only improve the health and wellness of patients," Rabe said in an e-mail. "(We are) committed to providing the highest quality of care to area residents and feel that partnerships with various organizations can enhance this offering."

St. Vincent opened the first freestanding ER in the state – off Interstate 69 at exit 10 in Fishers – so they shared what they learned with Witham to help Witham open their own freestanding ER, Smith said.

"There was a lot of collaboration with Witham, a lot of mutual and shared information," he said.

The decision to open at Anson was a response to what patients were asking for, Smith said. St.



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St. Vincent's logo is displayed on the exterior of the new medical facility at Anson, near the Witham flags. Witham's logo is on the south side of the building.

Vincent Health already has a physician's network building at 108th Street and Michigan Road in Zionsville. But they listened and heard that a rehabilitation center is what people wanted in the Whitestown area.

"We've had a very, very strong presence in Boone County for a number of years," Smith said. "It only made sense to make our health care more local."

St. Vincent also partners with Zionsville Community Schools, providing school medical personnel and support to student athletes. For now, Smith said, St. Vincent plans to continue to do what they're doing and possibly look for additional community partnerships in the future.

"We'll continue to look at Zionsville," he said. "It is a very appealing community for us."