

ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT

Enterprise Facilitation Celebrates the Opening of Muddy Creek Family Clinic in Netawaka

Project Outcomes:

(June 2, 2003 to December 31, 2006)

- ◆ Total Clients Assisted: **327**
- ◆ Businesses Started: **29**
- ◆ Businesses Expanded: **7**
- ◆ Jobs Created: **100**
- ◆ Businesses Retained: **4**
- ◆ Jobs Retained: **14**
- ◆ Tune-Ups of Existing Businesses: **33**

On September 11th, Dr. Michael Keehn, a board certified family physician, and his wife, Julie, fulfilled a dream with the opening of Muddy Creek Family Clinic. The general practice clinic offers routine and acute medical care, general obstetric care, immunizations, and x-rays. "We won't be able to do emergency work like heart attacks or appendicitis. But, we will offer high quality basic and preventative care in a comfortable environment," Dr. Keehn said. Dr. Keehn has 15 years of experience in military and civilian practice. He said of his decision to open the clinic, "It's always been kind of a dream to be on my own. Finally, it came to a point where I thought it was a



Dr. Michael Keehn and wife, Julie, give Enterprise Facilitation board members a tour of their new clinic in October 2006.

good time to do it." Once the decision was made, Keehn and his wife contacted Enterprise Facilitator Janet Griesel. "A lot of planning goes into a new business and she helped us think through everything," Julie said of Janet's help. The

couple welcomes patients and visitors to the clinic which is located at 200 White Way on the site of the old Netawaka railroad depot. The clinic is open Monday through Saturday and can be reached by phone at 785-933-2000.

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Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative

Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation is a five-county effort to help people transform their dreams and talents into viable business ventures. Facilitator, Janet Griesel, provides free, confidential business management

coaching to aspiring and existing entrepreneurs in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, and Nemaha counties. She is assisted by an approximately 50 member community resource board. Resource board members are

dedicated volunteers who help Janet locate resources for individual clients. Board members volunteer their networks, knowledge, business experience, skills, and time to assist area entrepreneurs.

Upcoming Events:

February 1, 2007

5:45 pm - Rosette Presentation at Mainstreet Flower Shoppe, 713 Oregon, Hiawatha, KS

6:00 pm - Board Meeting at Fisher Center, 201 E. Iowa, Hiawatha, KS