



RBGA Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Rebranding ThriVe® Metro East!

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GODFREY - The RiverBend Growth Association, the chamber of commerce and economic development organization for the Riverbend, hosted a ribbon cutting for the 25th Anniversary and rebranding for ThriVe® Metro East! ThriVe® Metro East, formerly known as Options Now, offers women's healthcare at low/no cost to their patients. Their highly trained medical staff provides professional care to patients concerned about sexually transmitted infections and/or pregnancy in a safe, confidential atmosphere. They do not benefit financially from any choice a patient makes, and they treat each patient holistically, with the utmost care and respect.

ThriVe® Metro East has spent the last year transforming their clinic into an environment that is welcoming, comforting, and relates well with women who may need their care. As the fourth St. Louis Area location and one of several in the country, ThriVe® Metro East has the resources available to advance women's healthcare in our area. They offer sexual health services that encompass all areas of wellness: emotional, physical, social, and spiritual. They also verify pregnancy, find out gestational age, and protect patients' reproductive health all while helping patients save money.

Before the ribbon cutting ceremony, Pastor Duane Manuel blessed and prayed over the building. After the ceremony, the Knights of Columbus held an unveiling ceremony for their donation of a new ultrasound machine to ThriVe® Metro East. Father Jeremy Paulin prayed over the ultrasound machine. ThriVe® Metro East's Medical Director, Dr. Ron Schroeder received the Karen Pilger Founder's Award for all the work he does for the organization. This award is in honor of Karen Pilger, the founder of the organization in 1994.

ThriVe® Metro East is located at 4854 North Alby, Godfrey, Illinois 62035. For more information about the ThriVe® services, visit their website at thrivestlouis.org. To contact your local ThriVe® Metro East center, please call 618-466-1690.

About the RiverBend Growth Association

The RiverBend Growth Association is the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Organization for the communities of the Riverbend. As a Chamber of Commerce, we actively promote activities among our member businesses. As an Economic Development Organization, we work closely with state, regional, county and local officials to develop new employment opportunities.

The Growth Association serves the following communities in southwestern Illinois: Alton, Bethalto, East Alton, Elsah, Foster Township, Godfrey, Grafton, Hartford, Roxana, South Roxana, Wood River, and Wood River Township.

The mission of the Growth Association is to provide the leadership required to attract, promote and support new and existing enterprise growth throughout the Riverbend community.

To contact the RiverBend Growth Association you can visit www.growthassociation.com or call 618-467-2280.