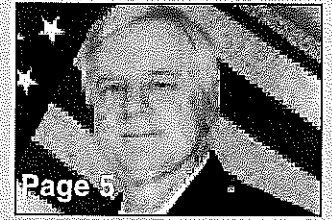


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### ***New Health Center to include fewer offices, less traffic***

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The principals of what will be the Green Hills Senior Health Center want to provide similar services as the Turner Family Center did but with less traffic congestion.

"We're going to do adult day care, but we're not going to have a corporate office here like Easter Seals (did), so there will be a lot less people," said James Preimesberger, chairman and president of Meridian Health Services.

The center's services will include an adult day care program, outpatient rehab for seniors including physical therapy and occupational therapy, and a full fitness center.

Preimesberger said he would have to spend a few hundred thousand dollars on ventilation and roof work on the facility, but the majority of the



**James Preimesberger (left)  
and Paul Miller**

work to be done at the facility is deferred maintenance on the building that has sat empty for nearly a year.

Paul Miller, the center's

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administrator, and Preimesberger said they hope to have the new center open in the spring, operating with a staff no larger than 30, including a registered nurse, a physical therapy staff, certified nursing assistants, fitness staff and lifeguards for the pool.

Miller said the center would serve somewhere around 100 seniors.

But both men acknowledged traffic concerns in the community, an issue that doomed the proposed Gardner School children's center on the backside of the former Easter Seals property, where the McWhorter Family Children's Center once operated.

Miller said the center would shuttle some seniors in to help avoid high traffic volume

around the center.

"And since we're not doing a corporate office here, we won't have that staff (commuting in and out) at all," Preimesberger said.

"We want to be good neighbors," Miller said. "We're going to be accessible to our neighbors. We want them to know that we are here to serve them."

While this is the first venture outside of the Golden State for Meridian Health

Services, which is based in Manhattan Beach, Calif., Preimesberger said he has plans for other projects in the Nashville area.

"Since I'm coming out here, I'd like to do a few things. ... I'd like to look at doing skilled nursing, maybe assisted living, maybe some other type of programs."

Preimesberger said he is also looking into the McWhorter Family Children's Center as well.

"I know it's for sale, (but) I don't know if there's anything going on with it right now. I'm talking to them about it. I probably wouldn't do much more than some sort of pediatric rehab or small day care program."

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