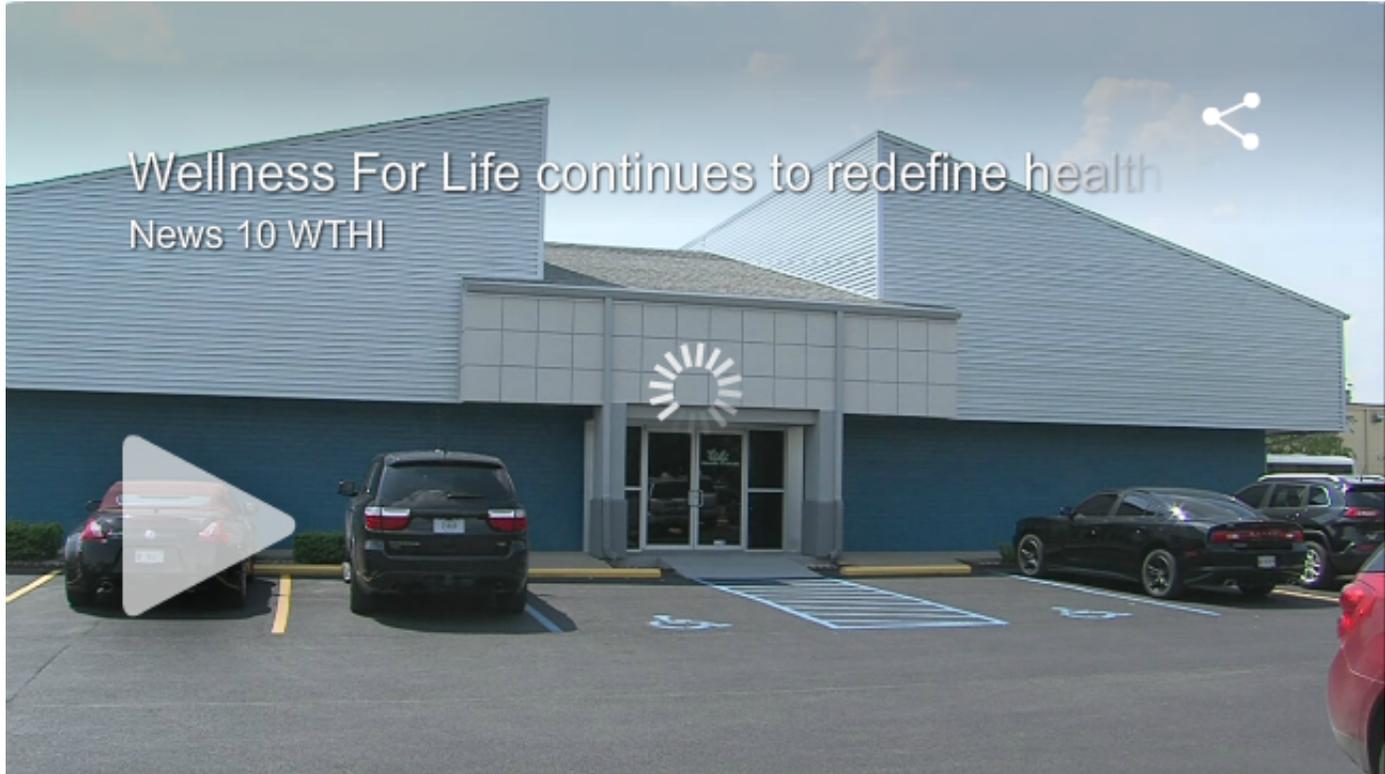




Wellness For Life continues to redefine health care

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WTHI) – Wednesday marked a day of celebration for the Wellness For Life team. The health care company opened the doors to their corporate headquarters in Terre Haute.

“It’s kind of surreal,” says Matt Burriss, executive director and co-founder, “8 years ago this was an idea on paper, turned into a PowerPoint”.

Wellness For Life is an employer-based, private health care provider. It offers a variety of medical centers to many organizations within the Wabash Valley, accessible to employees and their families.

At no cost to the employee, they are able to receive immediate medical attention at no cost, paid for directly by their employer.

The progress of the program thus far has been well received, especially at the local level.

“It’s a great idea, a great concept about really trying to get in and help organizations manage their health care better,” says Mayor Duke Bennett, “I knew it was something the city wanted to do, the county obviously jumped in, and the school corporation, we’re all benefiting greatly from it”.

Vigo County School Corporation was the first to adopt the program about 5 years ago.

“We have saved millions of dollars because of this program,” says Danny Tanoos, superintendent, “The offset of what it would’ve cost to pay the full price of medications and for that full visit was costing us a lot of money.”

Clinics are also set up in Clinton, Rockville, Brazil and other surrounding areas.

Wellness For Life continues to grow, and organizers consider it as another way of redefining health care.

“We’re increasing patient access,” says Kayur Patel, chief medical officer and co-founder, “If someone is sick today, we need to be able to see them today”.

Organizers stress the importance of the one-on-one experience between the doctor and patient.

“We spend about 20-30 minutes with the patient,” Patel says, “Which gives them ample time to go over the detailed history that sometimes we do not pick up on when we go to an urgent care, or an ER”.

While Wellness For Life is a locally based company, they are starting to branch out into areas away from home.

Currently, they offer services in the Midwest and Virginia. They also plan to expand to Colorado and Georgia during the 2015-2016 year.

If you would like to learn more about Wellness For Life, [click here \(http://www.healthcare-redefined.com/\)](http://www.healthcare-redefined.com/).

Their corporate headquarters is now located on 3495 South 4th Street in Terre Haute.