

## **It's Looking Like a Building!**

By Sue Knapp, Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation Board

FINALLY, the new Deschutes Rim Health Clinic is looking like a building! From dirt piles, cleared land, dirt digging, foundation pouring and floor laying to wall raising and truss setting, a structure resembling a beautiful building has taken shape. It is an exciting time for all who have been tirelessly involved in this effort for *years*.

On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the public will have a chance to have a first look, take a tour and join in some fun fundraising events. By early May the interior walls will be roughed in and room shapes will be evident, giving you a feel for what the new clinic will look like inside, as well as outside. We will show you the interior and exterior color selections (including a red metal roof!), landscape plans, walkways and more. Please join us to celebrate this phase of completion of the new health care clinic and campus. An invitation will be in the mail in early to mid-April. The planning team for this event is Sue Knapp, Julie Whetzel, Dennis Beechler, Karletta Carrithers, and Kelsay Castrey (Westby Associates).

At the same time this clinic is being built, we are brainstorming on ways the existing clinic could be used to further our goal of providing 'whole health care'. You can give us your thoughts and ideas at the May event. Our thoughts and ideas include an exercise room, resource library, classrooms, extra provider offices, and telehealth rooms. As soon as the new clinic is built and operational we will start focusing our efforts on repurposing the existing one.

We are grateful to John Black who is providing us with drone aerial photos and videos, and Jennifer Mitchke for the on-the-ground shots of construction work. You can view these pictures on the foundation website's photo gallery ([www.deschutesrimclinicfoundation.org](http://www.deschutesrimclinicfoundation.org)). A few are included here.

Hope to see you on May 7<sup>th</sup>!