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HOW VILLING & COMPANY HELPED MAKE THE SOUTH BEND CLINIC'S CENTENNIAL A TRUE CELEBRATION.

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A LIFETIME OF CARE.

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A CENTURY OF CARING.

Founded in 1916, the South Bend Clinic is a multi-specialty healthcare group serving nearly 300,000 Michiana patients a year. As a legacy provider to multiple generations of patients and families, with an exceptionally strong reputation for pediatrics and family medicine, the Clinic wanted to broadly mark their 100th anniversary milestone in 2016 and reinforce its market position. They recognized the task would be challenging, given that they were consistently outspent by two larger health systems who nearly saturated the market with their advertising.

To Villing & Company, the key to a successful campaign was clear: make an emotional connection with the audience while aligning the 100th anniversary message with the Clinic's value proposition. To reach and engage prospective patients within a realistic budget, Villing created a warm, lighthearted campaign that combined their existing tagline, "A lifetime of care" with an anniversary theme – "A century of caring." Promoting the Clinic's central service lines of pediatrics, primary care and OB/Gyn, this mom-targeted campaign included a 12-month media schedule of television, outdoor, digital and print.





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Print Ad



Outdoor







Digital & Social Display Ad





THE OUTCOME

By the third month of the campaign, the Clinic's website saw a 25% increase in total users compared to the prior year. The digital campaign delivered over 125,000 impressions/month and exceeded category benchmarks for both mobile and YouTube click through rates (CTR). In addition to the measurable market reach, television, outdoor and print created anecdotal "buzz" among consumers, as well as Clinic physicians and staff.

In 2017, following the campaign's conclusion, a brand awareness research study was conducted among 250 respondents in St. Joseph County. Results revealed that the Clinic was well-positioned relative to competitors, ranked as number one on the key metrics of consumer "familiarity" and "likely to seek services." It also tied a larger competitor as number one for being viewed "favorably"— proof that strategic, well-crafted marketing can compete at any level.



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