

[Rolle's most amazing accomplishment yet](#)

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Former FSU safety Myron Rolle and his family today announced plans to build the Myron L. Rolle Medical Clinic and Sports Complex, in Steventon, Exuma in the Bahamas, where his parents are from.

The complex will provide free health services to residents of Exuma, as well as a state-of-the-art wellness and training facilities for athletes and visitors to Exuma, Bahamas. It will be the third clinic on the island, and greatly increase the resources and equipment.

"It's really pertinent, because the people of Exuma, if there is something really serious happening to them, medically, at night especially, and they have to catch a flight to Nassau, the main island, it's very inconvenient, and a lot of people can't afford that flight," Rolle said, in a telephone interview this afternoon after his ceremony. "A lot of times that may be the difference between their life being saved or not, that time gap. So I think this is going to be a special project."

There are only two doctors on the island right now, and Rolle said he has had a vision to build a hospital or clinic in the area since he was much younger. There's still some red tape he has to go through, but expects the dream to be realized in the next two or three years.

The first priority is the clinic, and then they'll start on an eight-lane track with a field turf interior. There will also be a fitness alumni center adjacent to the clinic.

"That's pretty much so if I want to come or some of my NFL buddies want to come and work out in Exuma, it's another option, another alternative for the high school and junior high kids who run track," he said. "It's pretty exciting. Track is definitely a big sport in the Bahamas. There are a lot of young athletes who are doing very well and succeeding in Exuma, so this is another arena for them to do that."

He's already been guaranteed five acres of land, and has a lot of support from the island administrator. The project will be executed in conjunction with the Bahamas Ministry of Health and the Florida State University College of Medicine, based in the United States. During the program, FSU medical students and doctors will travel to the Bahamas and provide free medical care and supplies to Exumians. The program will be funded through the Myron L. Rolle Foundation.



Courtesy of the Myron L. Rolle Foundation

Myron Rolle unveils construction site plans at the future home of the Myron L. Rolle Medical Clinic in Steventon, Exuma, in the Bahamas.

Keep in mind that Rolle hasn't even left for England, where he'll earn a Masters degree in Medical Anthropology from Oxford University. He hasn't seen any checks from the NFL yet. (Rolle plans to enter the NFL Draft in 2010 to pursue a professional football career, and then pursue a career as a medical surgeon.)

How is he doing all this? The same way he graduated in two and a half years -- on his own timetable.

"I operate on my timeline," he said. "I didn't feel I needed a lot of capital as far as money is concerned to get any of this started. All I needed was a big heart, a passion, motivation and drive, and the right people around me."

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"I felt why wait?" he said. "Why not take advantage of the time here? We're not promised tomorrow."