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Harnett Health System Celebrates the New Central Hospital With a Ground Breaking Ceremony

Dunn, N.C. (May 12, 2011) Bright sunny skies surrounded the long awaited ground breaking ceremony today for the Central Hospital. The event marked the beginning of the Central Hospital's construction project to address the ever growing and changing health care needs of Harnett and surrounding Counties.

More than 250 people gathered in brightly decorated tents at the site on US 401 across from the Harnett County Government Complex. The event kicked off as the leaders of the original partners of the 2005 Certificate of Need who committed to bringing this hospital into existence, Dr. William K. Atkinson, president and CEO of WakeMed Health & Hospitals; Tim McNeill, chairman of Harnett County Board of Commissioners; Dr. Ron Maddox, chairman of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees; Oscar Harris, mayor of the City of Dunn; Ray Weeks, chairman of the Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Board of Trustees and Ken Bryan, president and CEO of Harnett Health System, spoke. Randy Gore, state director of the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Development then joined the partners in moving a shovel full of dirt celebrating this pinnacle achievement in bringing unified healthcare across Harnett County and beyond.

"Harnett Health's success is a result of a wide range of strong partners that together have made it possible to construct this hospital," stated Ken Bryan, president and CEO of Harnett Health System. "We celebrate today our vision becoming a reality – the development of a progressive hospital with highly-trained physicians and staff who are committed to providing our patients excellent medical care."

The two-story Hospital will total 122,000 sq. feet on a 20 acre site within the 130 acre Brightwater Park, with fifty(50) inpatient beds, 24-hour Emergency Department, Imaging, MRI, Cardiovascular Diagnostics and Outpatient Surgical Services. Clinical services will be supported by full-service Laboratory, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy and Food & Nutrition Services. The building and site are designed to accommodate future vertical and horizontal expansions, and incorporate many sustainable design elements, such as capturing rain water for irrigation and use of drought tolerant, low maintenance landscaping materials. Construction is expected to take 18 to 20 months.

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PHOTO: Left to Right Breaking Ground: Dr. William Atkinson, president and CEO of WakeMed Health & Hospitals; Tim McNeill, chairman of Harnett County Board of Commissioners; Randy Gore, state director of US Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development; Dr. Ron Maddox, chairman of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees; Oscar Harris, mayor of the City of Dunn; Ray Weeks, chairman of the Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Board of Trustees and Ken Bryan, president and CEO of Harnett Health System.

Left to Right Front Row: Cornelia Stewart, vice chairman of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees; Heather Williams, member of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees; Ernest Alphin, member of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees Member; T.C. Godwin, past member of Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Board of Trustees; Donnie Olds, member of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees; Walter Weeks, member of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees; Walter Massey, member of Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Board of Trustees; Joe Miriello, past member of Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Board of Trustees; Wayne Barbour, past member of Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Board of Trustees; Ted Fitzgerald, member of Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Board of Trustees; Kathleen Gormley, executive vice president, Operations & Ambulatory Development; Pat Fitzgerald, representing US Representative Renee Ellmers; Linda Hayes, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention; Representative David Lewis; Jim Burgin, Harnett County Commissioner; Gary House, Harnett County Commissioner; Beatrice Hill, vice chairman of Harnett County Commissioners; Dan Andrews, Harnett County Commissioner; Johnson Tilghman, chairman Harnett Forward Together Committee; Frank B. Holding, Sr., executive vice chairman of First Citizens Bank; Ben Thompson, Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP; Vicki Allen, chief nursing officer of Harnett Health System; Trent Carpenter, vice president of First Citizens Bank; Eric Young, Chief Financial Officer of Harnett Health System; Missy Warren, senior project manager of Brasfield & Gorrie; Mike Jones, vice president of Central Campus & Support Services of Harnett Health System; Sondra Davis, vice president of Human Resources & System Development of Harnett Health System; Dr. Wallace Horne, vice president of Medical Affairs of Harnett Health System; Jim Godfrey, senior project architect of Perkins + Will.

Left to Right Back Row: Dwight Snow, past member of Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Board of Trustees; ;Teddy Byrd, secretary of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees; Wiley Pope, member of Harnett Health System Board of Trustees.

About Harnett Health

Harnett Health System is a private, not-for-profit health care organization based in Dunn, N.C. The system encompasses a network of health care facilities throughout Harnett and Johnston Counties, including a 101-bed full-service hospital in Dunn; out-patient rehab/wellness center in Benson; a family medicine practice in Angier; family medicine, OB/GYN and pediatrics practice in Lillington; and pediatric, OB/GYN and internal

medicine practices in Dunn. Serving patients since 1940, the hospital has over 100 affiliated physicians and over 750 employees. For more information, visit our website at www.harnetthealth.org.

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