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Harnett Health Central Hospital Reaches Tallest Point in Construction

Dunn, N.C. (November 8, 2011) The development of the new Harnett Health Central Hospital recently reached its highest point in construction, marking the completion of the steel –frame structure. Two events were held to mark the milestone - a celebratory lunch to recognize the construction workers who completed the work, and a steel beam was placed in the Harnett Health Betsy Johnson Hospital front lobby for employees to sign.

“This celebration recognizes a milestone in the hospital construction,” stated Mike Jones, vice president of the Central Hospital. “This project could not be completed without the enormous effort, support and teamwork from all involved.” With the steel skeleton of the hospital complete, construction crews will now turn their focus to the exterior “skin” of the building.

Representatives and crews from the construction company; architectural and engineering firms; and other partners gathered with more than 200 construction workers on site to celebrate. Perkins+Will designed the hospital and Brasfield Gorrie is managing the construction. Health System employees and Harnett County officials joined in the celebration by signing the steel beam.

Ken Bryan, president and CEO of Harnett Health System stated, “It is great to see the best practices in designing hospitals becoming reality. Harnett Health is committed to transforming healthcare across the region. This new hospital emphasizes our commitment to providing the best quality healthcare possible. Just as this steel-frame construction today fulfills the highest point of the hospital, soon this hospital will fulfill the highest point of care for our region.” Mr. Bryan will be the CEO of the two hospital system when the new hospital opens.

The 122,000 square foot, \$56 million hospital, sitting on 20–acres is targeted for completion in the fall of 2012. The hospital will bring a broad range of expanded medical services and technology. Comprehensive acute services, diagnostic procedures and general health services will be available and easily accessible for residents throughout Harnett County and the surrounding region. As the anchor of the developing Bright Water Science and Technology Park, the hospital will enhance economic growth and inspire private enterprise and business, both medical and non-medical alike.



PHOTOS: 1) Steel-frame structure; 2) Employees signing their names to the steel beam.

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. Harnett Health Betsy Johnson Hospital, a 101-bed full-service hospital located in Dunn, anchors the system which includes out-patient rehab/wellness center in Benson; five physician practices - family medicine in Angier, family medicine, internal medicine, OB/GYN and pediatric in Lillington, pediatric, OB/GYN and internal medicine in Dunn. Serving patients since 1940, the hospital has over 100 affiliated physicians and over 730 employees. For more information, visit www.harnetthealth.org.

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