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## Press Release

### Methodist McKinney sponsors Christmas in July 5K and 1K fun race

**MCKINNEY, TX (July 21, 2011)** – Methodist McKinney Hospital is proud to be one of the main sponsors for the Christmas in July 5K and 1 K fun run on Saturday, July 23 from 7-9 a.m. The community race is presented by and held at the Stonebridge United Methodist Church in McKinney, TX.

The Christmas in July event was created with a desire to give back to the community during an annual time of great need. July is typically the lowest time of giving during the year. Entry fees for the 5K race are \$25 and five canned goods and \$5 and five canned goods for the 1K fun run. All proceeds and canned goods collected at the event will benefit the local chapter of Meals on Wheels and the McKinney Community Food Bank.

The event will also feature post-race health screenings. Methodist McKinney Hospital will host a booth offering free foot and ankle screenings by Dr. Dominique Nickson, founder of Next Step Orthopedics. Dr. Nickson, a board certified orthopedic foot and ankle surgeon, is also credentialed at Methodist McKinney Hospital. Coloring pages from the hospital's Pediatric Experience program will be available at the booth for children.

Methodist McKinney also provided items for the complementary race bags all Christmas in July runners will receive at packet pickup prior to the event.

“The Methodist McKinney Hospital family is proud to serve the community by sponsoring Christmas in July which supports two worthy organizations and their mission,” says Rick L. Stevens, president of Methodist McKinney Hospital. “We look forward to a successful day and great event.”

Methodist McKinney Hospital is a joint venture partnership between area physicians, Methodist Health System, and Nueterra Healthcare. The facility offers a wide range of physician specialties including: ENT, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Gynecology, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Pain Management, Plastic Surgery, Podiatry, Primary Care, Spine Surgery, and Urology. The hospital also provides imaging services such as CT scan, MRI, Mammography, X-ray, CT Angiogram, Fluoroscopy, and Ultrasound.

More information on Methodist Health System is available at [www.methodisthealthsystem.org](http://www.methodisthealthsystem.org) or by contacting Kathleen Beathard, vice president of Marketing and Public Relations, at [KathleenBeathard@mhd.com](mailto:KathleenBeathard@mhd.com) or (214) 947-4602.

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