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Press Release

Groundbreaking Ceremony Marks Beginning of Methodist McKinney Hospital

MCKINNEY, TX (April 2, 2008) – A groundbreaking ceremony and reception April 1 kicked off construction of Methodist McKinney Hospital. The new hospital will be located on the northeast corner of Eldorado Parkway and Stonebridge Drive in the Stonebridge Ranch residential community in McKinney.

More than 100 hospital supporters attended the festive kickoff, including local dignitaries McKinney City Manager Frank Ragan and Assistant City Manager Reggie Neff, and several city council members.

Following an invocation by Rev. Terri Swan, associate pastor at Stonebridge United Methodist Church in McKinney, remarks were made by Leslie Barden, senior vice president of Marketing and Strategic Planning for Methodist Health System in Dallas; Dr. Vuhdi Slabisak, a McKinney orthopedic surgeon and chairman of the Methodist McKinney Hospital Board; Dr. Stephen L. Mansfield, president and CEO of Methodist Health System; and Daniel Tasset, chairman of Nueterra Healthcare in Leawood, KS.

“This is an especially exciting time for me and my physician colleagues,” said Dr. Slabisak. “This project began more than two years ago and has included dozens of physicians, who share a common vision – to not only expand medical services in McKinney, but provide these services in a patient- and wellness-focused environment. We truly seek to provide residents of McKinney and Collin County with superior health care. By partnering with Methodist Health System and Nueterra Healthcare, this vision will soon become a reality.”

Dr. Mansfield echoed the excitement of all those involved in the milestone step marked by the groundbreaking for the new hospital facility.

“We are truly excited about our partnership in this project and the opportunity to extend the Methodist Health System brand and reputation for quality and compassionate care to the fabulous city of McKinney,” said Dr. Mansfield.

Scheduled to open in fall 2009, the 65,000+ sq. ft. Methodist McKinney Hospital will allow area physicians to expand medical services available to residents of Collin County and surrounding areas, providing a high-quality, patient-focused alternative for medical care. The hospital will open with six fully-equipped operating rooms, comprehensive diagnostic imaging including CT and MRI services, and 15 private patient rooms.

Methodist McKinney Hospital is a joint venture partnership between area physicians, Methodist Health System, and Nueterra Healthcare. It will offer a wide mixture of physician specialties including: primary care, orthopedics, general surgery, otolaryngology, neurosurgery, gynecology, and pain management. The hospital will focus on treating patients appropriate for its mix of medical specialties and services.



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

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Pictured from left to right: John Lacy, Senior VP, Human Relations, Methodist Health System; Michael Schaefer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Methodist Health System; Leslie Barden, Senior VP, Marketing and Strategic Planning, Methodist Health System; Robert Barry, DO, Methodist McKinney Hospital Board Member; Dr. Vuhdi Slabisak, MD, Methodist McKinney Hospital Board Chairman; Ann Synder, MD, Methodist McKinney Hospital Board Member; Michael McCoy, President, Community Hospital Division, Nueterra Healthcare; Stephen Mansfield, President and CEO, Methodist Health System; Daniel Tasset, Chairman, Nueterra Holdings



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