

Stone County Medical Center Continues Facility Development

Mountain View, Ark. – Stone County Medical Center is beginning the final phase of the total renovation and expansion of the facility, according to Karen Craft, Administrator. At a recent meeting the SCMC Development Campaign Committee toured the newly completed employee dining room and reviewed renovation plans for the west wing of the hospital.

The west wing will include a Chapel, a therapy gym for physical, occupational and speech therapy, a physicians' lounge, conference room and administrative offices. Renovation of the west wing will complete the renovation and expansion of the hospital which is scheduled to be completed in 2007.

The first two phases of the construction included building the Surgical Services Department, renovation and addition of patient rooms, renovations to the Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, nursing support and Laboratory areas and the addition of a new Emergency Department and visitor areas.

The Stone County Medical Center Development Campaign has raised \$299,233 for the hospital expansion project according to Janice Sutton and Ric Wilcox, co-chairs of the Campaign. Contributions are still needed and a list of current needs has been prepared by the SCMC Advisory Board. Naming opportunities for specific areas are still available. Gifts of every size are appreciated and will be recognized according to policies of the Campaign Committee.

“The Stone County Medical Center Campaign is an opportunity for the community to participate in the development of a state-of-the-art medical facility,” said Wilcox. “I am so proud to be a part of a community that is working to make a difference in the lives of their friends and neighbors. The generosity of donors has been overwhelming and very rewarding.”

“The best way to sell anything is to be sold on it yourself. Working on this project has helped us appreciate the excellent healthcare services offered at the hospital by our physicians and clinical staff. Working with the Karen Craft and the management team at SCMC and seeing the generosity of this community has been a rewarding experience,” Sutton said.

Sutton and Wilcox emphasized, “This is only the beginning of this journey. Our mission is to continue the sense of pride and ownership in Stone County Medical Center that began so many years ago when the community pulled together to build this hospital. We are continuing that legacy and asking the community to be a part of Mountain View and Stone County's rich tradition of generosity and community pride.”

Individuals or families who would like more information or make a campaign gift may contact Karen Craft, Stone County Medical Center Administrator at 870-269-4361 or any member of the Campaign Committee. Members in addition to Sutton and Wilcox include Virginia Breeding, Whit Fowlkes, and Kenny Wyatt, O. D.

SCMC is a part of White River Health System, a multi-facility not-for-profit organization

serving North Central Arkansas. The system includes two hospitals, ten medical clinics, a nursing home, residential care facility, three home health agencies, hospice, and a home medical equipment company. White River Health System is a member of the Premier Alliance, the American Hospital Association, and the Arkansas Hospital Association and is licensed by the Arkansas Department of Health.