

## **White River Medical Center Announces Gift to UACCB**

October, 2007 - Batesville, Ark – White River Medical Center (WRMC) has awarded \$100,000 to the University of Arkansas Community College (UACCB) at Batesville to strengthen Nursing and Allied Health Education programs at the college, according to Gary L. Bebow, WRMC Administrator/CEO.

“The availability of qualified nursing and allied health professionals is critically important”, said Bebow. “Our partnership with UACCB has so many benefits for our organizations and for the communities we serve.”

In addition to financial support of clinical programs, White River Medical Center is a clinical training site for UACCB’s nursing and allied health programs. UACCB and WRMC also teamed up to secure Batesville as the administrative site of the North Central Arkansas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in affiliation with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

“This gift from White River Medical Center will allow the college to expand the offerings of our Nursing and Allied Health Division,” said Deborah Frazier, UACCB Chancellor. “We want to provide educational opportunities for all students and this gift allows the college to accept additional students in these critical programs.”

White River Medical Center is a regional referral facility and the flagship of White River Health System (WRHS). WRHS is a multi-facility, not-for-profit organization providing care to residents of North Central Arkansas through inpatient hospital care, outpatient services, medical clinics, home health, hospice and long-term care.

The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville is a two-year institution and a part of the University of Arkansas System. The college offers traditional and non-traditional students the opportunity to further their education with flexible scheduling, diverse course offerings and affordable tuition.