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GRMC to Hold Ribbon Cutting Celebrating Completion of First Phase of Expansion

(Seguin, Texas – July 15, 2009) -- Guadalupe Regional Medical Center (GRMC) announced today that it will hold a public ceremonial ribbon cutting on Saturday, July 25, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the hospital's expansion. The ceremony will take place in front of the hospital's brand new Patient Tower located on the west side of the hospital campus at 1215 East Court. The ceremonies will include remarks by Seguin's Mayor Betty Ann Matthies, formerly the Director of Nurses at GRMC and an employee for more than 30 years.

"We invite everyone to join us for this historic event that celebrates our continued commitment to providing healthcare excellence," said GRMC Chief Executive Officer Robert Haynes.

Guadalupe Regional is renovating and expanding its existing facilities into an ultramodern healthcare complex. The \$102 million project is financed by a HUD insured loan, which means there is no risk or cost to taxpayers. The loan will be repaid from hospital revenue and private philanthropy raised through the hospital Foundation's Capital Campaign.

The three-story Inpatient Tower, which will receive its first patients shortly after the ribbon cutting, will provide completely new Maternity Services and Medical floors, as well as a future inpatient unit. Every patient room in the tower is private and has large, reflective windows to allow for natural sunlight. GRMC's beautiful, new Maternity Services floor has more than tripled in size and includes a large newborn nursery. The fourteen well-appointed private rooms offer comfort and privacy for mothers and families. On the second floor, the new medical unit has eight additional beds than the previous medical floor for a total of 34 beds. Patients on this floor will have a second-story view. A four-bed suite will be located on the medical floor for patients who require 24-hour monitoring. This suite is ideal for patients who have an increased fall risk or are disoriented.

The project will provide a first-rate facility for the seven county region served by the Medical Center and allow the hospital to meet the area's anticipated future needs for healthcare services," explains Haynes. The three-year project, slated to conclude mid-2010, will encompass 141,000 square feet of new construction, major remodeling of 65,000 square feet, and technological upgrades. When GRMC's expansion plans are finished, the hospital will more than double in size, augment its technological sophistication, and have a sleek, contemporary new appearance.

In addition, a multi-story Central Tower, on top of what was Leonard Lane, will tremendously expand the Medical Center's campus and connect the main building to the current Teaching Center and Wellness Center buildings. The plans also include a new Emergency Department with more convenient access from Court Street. The expansion will increase:

- ER beds from nine to 25;
- inpatient acute beds from 98 to 117, with potential for up to 154;
- state-of-the-art operating suites from four to six;
- maternity labor rooms from three to seven , and two separate c-section operating suites.

Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, located in Seguin, contributes \$32 million per year to the local economy in salaries and benefits and with 700 employees is the fifth largest employer in Guadalupe County. More than 60 local physicians, practicing in 25 specialties, are actively affiliated with the Medical Center. GRMC provides comprehensive health care services for the residents of Guadalupe, Caldwell, Comal, Gonzales, Hays, Karnes, and Wilson counties. Having earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™, Guadalupe Regional Medical Center is fully accredited. Jointly owned by the City of Seguin and Guadalupe County, GRMC is a not for profit community hospital.



The first phase of GRMC's \$102 million expansion is complete. The expansion will boost the Medical Center's square footage to 260,000 and includes six surgical suites. Expanded Maternity Services and the Medical Unit are located in this new Patient Tower, providing spacious private rooms.