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**Guadalupe Regional Medical Foundation
Thanks Donors for Capital Campaign's Success**

(Seguin, Texas – December 2, 2009) – The Guadalupe Regional Medical Foundation (GRMF) announced today that one year into the “Giving. For Life.” Capital Campaign they are more than 40 percent of the way to their \$2.3 million goal thanks to hundreds of donors. The growing excitement about the new hospital facilities has already motivated many donors to contribute generously to the Campaign.

“We want to thank everyone for each and every donation that has helped us reach more than \$920,000 in pledges during the first year of our Campaign. We had hoped to raise \$808,000 during our first year, but thanks to the many generous donors and dedicated Capital Campaign volunteers who have supported GRMC, we greatly exceeded our goal and are closer to reaching \$1 million our first year. We’re still hoping to be able to reach \$1 million before the 2009 year ends,” said Dorothy Wiley, Foundation executive director.

The Foundation also expresses its gratitude for the many faithful volunteers and sponsors of Foundation sponsored events such as the recent very successful “Giving. For Life. Gala” and the upcoming Roundup Cowboy Gathering. “Roundup is a great way to show support for GRMC. We appreciate the hard work, year after year, of the many Roundup volunteers and hope that our community will again make Roundup a huge success,” said Wiley.

In 2010, Roundup will be held Saturday, March 20 at Rio Cibolo Ranch, west of Seguin. “Proceeds from the event also support the Capital Campaign by purchasing infant warmers for the new Maternity Services floor in GRMC’s beautiful Patient Tower, which opened last August,” explains Roundup Steering Committee Co-chair Steve Koehler. “This year’s Roundup will be an outstanding event with several marvelous entertainers. Please mark your calendars because you won’t want to miss the best ever Roundup.”

The Capital Campaign, launched in January 2009 to support GRMC’s \$102 million expansion, set a target of raising \$2.3 million over three years. GRMF’s Capital Campaign Chairman Mark Stautzenberger said, “GRMC’s expansion will have a significant positive impact on our community and ensure high quality healthcare facilities for many years to come. Our community has stepped forward to help make this vision a reality. By contributing, donors are truly giving for life.”

GRMC’s CEO Robert Haynes appreciates the support the Foundation has received from different community groups. “I’m grateful for the efforts of GRMC’s employees, physicians, volunteers, vendors, local corporations and businesses, and many generous citizens, including our Roundup and Gala supporters, who have helped the Capital Campaign to be successful. Thanks to all GRMF’s donors, GRMC continues to make advances in many areas.”

“GRMC is a not-for-profit hospital, owned by the city and county, with no tax base. Therefore, the expansion will be paid for through the hospital’s own revenues and through the private philanthropy of generous donors,” explains Wiley.

“One hundred percent of all Capital Campaign Funds raised are returned to the hospital to be invested in needed equipment or facilities. In January, we will be presenting a check to the hospital for all funds received during 2009,” said Foundation Board Chairman Phil Seidenberger.

Guadalupe Regional Medical Center is a 125-bed acute care regional healthcare facility. In the fall of 2010, GRMC will complete its expansion, doubling the size of the Medical Center with superb facilities and enhancing many patient services. By providing state-of-the-art facilities, advanced technology, and expert clinical support, GRMC partners with physicians to provide superior healthcare. An example of the high-level of care provided by GRMC is the hospital’s ranking in the top 15% of hospitals nationwide by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare rating organization, for the quality of orthopedic care. Last year, the hospital admitted 5,300 patients, handled 29,000 Emergency Department visits, 770 births, and performed more than 3,000 surgeries. GRMC contributes more than \$30 million per year to the local economy in salaries and benefits, more than \$12 million in services for those unable to pay for healthcare, and nearly \$1.2 million in community benefits.

The Foundation, a 501(c)(3), is a nonprofit organization created to help GRMC achieve its Vision. Some of the Foundation’s generous supporters, listed on the hospital’s Donor Wall in the lobby of the new Patient Tower, are:

\$300,000 – Lotus Donor
GRMC Volunteers
\$100,000 – Mountain Laurel Donor
Dale & Libby Linebarger
GRMC Employees
\$50,000 – Sunflower Donor
D & D Farm and Ranch - Kevin and Lisa Ferrell
Phil and Nancy Seidenberger
\$25,000 – Orchid Donor
The Koehler Company
Dr. Jim and Janice Lee
American Bank of Texas
The Rinn Family
\$10,000 – Water Lily Donor
Akin Ambulance
Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Pete & Judy Campbell - Campbell Floors
Valero Energy Foundation
Kiwanis of Seguin
B.B. Schraub & Frederick D. Schraub
Community Radiology Associates, PA
Rep. & Mrs. Edmund Kuempel

“We would appreciate an opportunity to meet with potential sponsors of Roundup or with anyone who would like to invest in this meaningful and important Capital Campaign,” said Wiley. Tax-deductible donations to the Capital Campaign may be mailed to Guadalupe Regional Medical Foundation, Capital Campaign, 1331 E. Court Street, Suite 103, Seguin, TX 78155. For more information or to request a pledge form, call 830-401-7375, or 830-401-7418, or send an email to foundation@grmedcenter.com or go to www.grmedcenter.com. On the GRMC home page click on “Give Now” to print a copy of a pledge form.