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CHANDLER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES TWO MAJOR EXPANSION PROJECTS

CHANDLER, Ariz. (February 10, 2010) – Chandler Regional Medical Center announced today it will soon start construction on two major expansion projects, adding a new patient tower and expanding its existing cardiac catheterization laboratories.

The projects will cost a combined \$135 million and will add more than 200 jobs to the hospital's already sizable staff. In addition to meeting the increasing healthcare needs of Chandler and its surrounding communities, Chandler Regional's expansion will have a direct impact on other areas of the city's economy.

"I am excited about these projects and the commitment Chandler Regional Medical Center has made to grow with the community," said Chandler Mayor Boyd Dunn. "Not only will this expansion increase physician engagement in the area, it will continue to drive new office and medical development around the hospital, providing critical healthcare services to our residents."

The hospital's leadership team hopes to add incremental capacity in order to continue providing for the healthcare needs of this growing community.

"Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing a half a million people each year," said Patty White, president and CEO of Chandler Regional Medical Center. "Cardiology is one of our key service lines, and the community is in need of additional capacity in this area. The expansion of our two existing cardiac catheterization labs is critical."

The \$9.9 million cardiac catheterization laboratory expansion will be the first of the two projects, beginning construction later this year with expected completion in July 2011. The expanded lab will allow for the creation of 14 highly technical, well-paying jobs with an estimated payroll of \$1.6 million per year. During the construction phase, an additional 80 construction related jobs will also be created.

The expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory will be housed in a two-story addition to the southwest corner of the hospital contiguous with the existing cardiac catheterization labs. The design provides first-floor space for the development of a new cardiopulmonary department expansion, with the second floor housing two cardiac catheterization laboratories, and an additional 10-bed pre/post holding unit and ancillary support infrastructure.

“In order to meet increasing patient demand, we also are planning a five-story inpatient tower that will help to remove capacity constraints and expand key service lines,” White said.

The \$125 million patient tower is scheduled to begin construction in the early part of 2011 with anticipated completion in July 2012. The new tower will require an additional 180 to 200 employees whose salary is estimated to total \$22 million each year. During construction it is estimated that the project will add an additional 1,050 jobs.

The five-story tower will add 100 beds which will expand the capacity of our emergency services, medical-surgical unit, add 30 intensive care rooms, six additional operating suites, and ancillary support infrastructure, including the addition of a chapel.

To learn more about Chandler Regional, please visit www.ChandlerRegional.org.

About Chandler Regional Medical Center

Chandler Regional Medical Center is a 225-bed, acute-care, not-for-profit provider of emergency care, maternal child services, cardiovascular services, wound healing, cancer treatment, diabetes treatment, and diagnostic services. It is located at 475 S. Dobson Road (corner of Dobson Road and Frye Road) in Chandler. For more information, please visit www.chandlerregional.org or call (480) 728-3000. Chandler Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities please visit www.chwcareers.org/arizona. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact the ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.

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