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**The Hospitality House on The Medical Center Campus to Open in January**

*Ribbon Cutting and Open House scheduled for December 21*

**Bowling Green, Ky. (December 20, 2010)** – Construction is complete on the Hospitality House located on The Medical Center campus. The 12 private guestroom, private bath facility will open in January and serve the family members and caregivers of seriously ill patients receiving treatment at The Medical Center and Commonwealth Regional Specialty Hospital. A Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting and open house will be held on December 21 at 9:30 a.m. The Hospitality House is located at 501 High Street across from Rosewood Health Care Center.

In January 2010, Commonwealth Health Foundation announced the *Extending Home* Capital Campaign with a goal of raising \$3 million to cover the costs to construct and furnish the Hospitality House and establish an endowment to ensure ongoing operation. To date, the Foundation has raised over \$2.9 million in donations and pledges.

“We are truly grateful to those in the community who have provided the financial support to make the dream of opening the Hospitality House a reality,” said Connie Smith, Chief Executive Officer of The Medical Center and Chief Operating Officer of Commonwealth Health Corporation. “Soon the families of patients being cared for at The Medical Center and Commonwealth Regional Specialty Hospital will enjoy a warm and inviting place where they can rest and recharge between visits to their loved one.”

“The response to the capital campaign from the community, both from individuals and businesses, to fund this much needed project has been overwhelming,” said Mike Murphy, Chairman of the *Extending Home* Capital Campaign Steering Committee. “Southcentral

Kentucky has recognized the need for such a facility and rallied behind us. The Hospitality House is a perfect example of what great things can be done when community members come together for such a worthy cause.”

In addition to the 12 private guestrooms and baths, The Hospitality House features a large kitchen and dining room to accommodate multiple families, a prayer room, a community room with comfortable furnishings, and a business center with computers and internet access. There will not be a charge to stay at The Hospitality House; however, guests who are able to make a donation for each night they stay will be encouraged to do so.

To learn more about The Hospitality House and how you can support the *Extending Home* Capital Campaign, contact Commonwealth Health Foundation at (270) 796-5543 or visit [www.hospitalityhousebg.org](http://www.hospitalityhousebg.org).

***About Commonwealth Health Foundation***

*Commonwealth Health Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization established as the philanthropic arm of Commonwealth Health Corporation (CHC). Commonwealth Health Foundation helps build relationships and partnerships across Southcentral Kentucky that will inspire charitable giving by individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations. These gifts help support the mission of CHC to care for people and improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.CommonwealthHealthFoundation.org](http://www.CommonwealthHealthFoundation.org) or call (270)796-5543.*

***About Commonwealth Health Corporation***

*Commonwealth Health Corporation is the parent company of The Medical Center at Bowling Green, Franklin, and Scottsville, Commonwealth Regional Specialty Hospital and various healthcare related entities throughout South Central Kentucky. With a mission to care for people and improve the quality of life in the communities it serves, CHC and its entities contributed \$50.4 million in total benefits to the community in fiscal year 2010 including millions through charity care for the uninsured and shortfalls in governmental reimbursements (Medicare and Medicaid). To learn more about CHC, visit [www.chc.net](http://www.chc.net).*

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