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Morgan Memorial Receives \$1 Million Challenge Grant

Madison, GA. — August 10, 2015 — Morgan Memorial Hospital and Morgan Memorial Healthcare Foundation have received a Challenge Grant for \$1 million that will help pave the way for a new hospital facility in Morgan County. This challenge grant dovetails with the foundation's \$3 million capital campaign *MMH: Building Now for Our Future* and presents an incredible opportunity to multiply the impact of gifts to the foundation. **To receive the challenge grant, Morgan Memorial Healthcare Foundation must raise \$1 million from private individuals, businesses, or foundations by December 1, 2015.**

"The positive response we have been receiving from our supporters confirms the excitement over, and very real need for, a new hospital in our community," said Sarah Burbach, Chair of the Morgan Memorial Healthcare Foundation. "One of the key requirements for obtaining grants from larger foundations and corporations is to show "contributed capital" from our local community. This challenge grant, combined with the generous gift of land last week, will anchor our fundraising drive going forward.

The donors, who wish to remain anonymous at this time, believe that access to quality, local healthcare is imperative for our community to continue to thrive. In addition, they hope the \$1 million challenge grant will encourage giving from others in the community as those donations will be matched dollar for dollar when the challenge is met.

"The recent outpouring of generosity to the hospital through charitable giving reaffirms our belief that the citizens of Morgan County recognize the years of hard work and due diligence that have gone in to making this project a feasible undertaking for our community," said Terry Evans, Chair of Morgan County Hospital Authority. "We are humbled by the thoughtfulness shown and are grateful for their willingness to help make this project a reality."

Morgan Memorial Hospital officially announced its desire to construct a replacement hospital facility in Morgan County in April. Hospital leadership is currently working with the project team to complete the application process to secure federal funding for the \$35 million project.

“What is remarkable about this gift is two-fold; the donors are excited about the project and have challenged us and the community to make it happen. The second, and magnificent part to me, is that they have dug deep to provide us this opportunity,” said Ralph Castillo, CEO. “To the donors, I will never be able to say thank you enough; to the community, let us all rise to the challenge before us and dig deep for the future of Morgan County.”

Both Morgan Memorial Hospital and Morgan Memorial Healthcare Foundation are non-profit, 501c3 organizations. Individuals interested in contributing to the campaign should contact Megan Morris, Foundation Executive Director, at 706-752-2237 or meganm@mmh.org.

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About Morgan Memorial

Morgan Memorial Hospital is a 25-bed non-profit Critical Access Hospital located in Madison, Georgia. Certified as a Level IV Trauma Center, the facility hosts a 24-hour emergency room, wide array of diagnostic outpatient services, and serves patients through acute care and swing bed programs. Morgan Memorial Hospital was established in 1960 and is accredited by The Joint Commission.