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CTMC's Community Benefit Garners SM Chamber "Business of the Year" Honors

SAN MARCOS, TX – Central Texas Medical Center was named the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Gala held on Nov. 6 at the new Embassy Suites on McCarty Lane in San Marcos. A crowd of more than 500 local business, community and political leaders gathered to celebrate the past year's accomplishments of the Chamber. Guests enjoyed a presentation by nationally-recognized motivational speaker and author Randy Snow followed by a program honoring the contribution of numerous volunteers and organizations in the community.

CTMC was one of three semi-finalists for the honor that were announced at the beginning of the evening's official program. The program concluded when Gloria Merrell, the Chamber's Small Business Council's Chair, announced CTMC as the winner of the Chamber's Business of the Year award.

Merrell explained, "This year's Business of the Year has been a fixture in our community from 25 years. Employing 610 employees, working with 177 physicians, nearly 100 volunteers and a number of other companies and partners in our community, they provide millions of dollars each year in community benefit and involvement that improves and enhances the overall health and well-being of our community in many ways.

"They care for the underprivileged that often cannot pay for their care. They care for the elderly by subsidizing their unreimbursed Medicare costs. They provide faith-based and spiritual support for families and the community," she added

Merrell also spoke of the hospital's economic impact on the region through good paying jobs and the additional jobs and city revenue to be created by the hospital \$35 million expansion project currently underway on its Wonder World Drive Campus.

"This award is a testament to the work that everyone on our staff, our physicians and our volunteers do each day to make a difference in the lives of those we serve," said Gary Jepson, President and CEO.

“While we don’t do what we do for the accolades per se, I have to admit that receiving such recognition helps to validate our mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ and certainly provides an emotional charge to each of us to continue working even harder to do more.”

This latest acknowledgement and appreciation for the role CTMC plays in our community and region follows the Kyle Chamber’s Business of the Year bestowed on CTMC in 2007 and the San Marcos Hispanic Chamber’s naming of CTMC Hospice as Organization of the Year in 2007.

CTMC is marking its 25th Anniversary at its Wonder World Drive location this year and kicked off the year with the announcement of its expansion and renovation project and has continued growth and progress throughout the year with the creation of new services including a new Sleep Study Center a Lymphedema Therapy program and the addition of several new physicians including primary care specialists in San Marcos and Kyle.

For more information about CTMC services, the expansion project, or to find a physician, please call 512-353-8979 or visit us online at www.ctmc.org.



About Central Texas Medical Center

CTMC is a 113-bed acute-care general hospital providing a wide range of healthcare services in San Marcos, Texas and neighboring communities. The hospital, which originated in 1923 as Hays County Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Memorial Hospital, was restructured in 1960. The present facility was opened at its current Wonder World Drive location in 1983. The CTMC staff of over 600 employees works with more than 170 active and consulting physicians to provide quality services to patients and their families. In addition, over 100 community members and interns from Texas State University – San Marcos volunteer their services to the hospital. As part of Adventist Health System, CTMC brings

a long tradition of Christian healthcare to San Marcos. Adventists opened their first health center in 1866 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Now with 36 hospitals located across the United States, the Adventist Health System is the largest not-for-profit Protestant hospital system in the country.

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