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**Madison Health & Wellness Center
Partners in Rural Healthcare Resiliency**

Madison County Memorial Hospital is calling partners to bring awareness of the realization for a vision of a collaborative healthcare model in Madison. To date Madison County Memorial Hospital and the Friends of the Hospital (Hospital's Foundation) have secured grants, private donations, and donations from Foundations to help bring wellness and preventive health services to the area.

Tammy Stevens, Chief Executive Officer at the hospital reports, "It's our mission to keep our family and friends healthy by expanding and adding additional services right here close to home. We intend to

reach this goal by adding services most needed in the north central Florida region through the development of the Madison Health & Wellness Center (MHWC)."

The hospital has been working with local and urban healthcare partners, local providers, the Florida Hospital Association, and our legislators to develop a solution for both Emergency Response in case of future pandemics, and wellness services through the new center. To permit to be able to increase access to a variety of healthcare services without having to travel to nearby communities.

The hospital has been engaged with our legislators and USDA Rural Development for the past three years to support this initiative. Governor DeSantis, Representative Turk, Representative Shott, former Senator Monfort, and Representative Larson have been working alongside the hospital and the USDA to help fund the remodeling of two buildings on the south side of the hospital campus. The small building on the southeast side of the building near outpatient services is to be converted to an emergency response facility and the building on the southwest side of the building near the lobby is to be converted to a wellness center. This Madison Health & Wellness Center will host a variety of services for the north central Florida region. Through the USDA

Partnership Matching Grant Program the hospital is receiving \$5.7 million dollars for the project and USDA has committed over \$5 million dollars. Remodeling of the small building is expected to be complete by the end of the summer 2023 and the large building the fall of 2024.

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Pictured Left to Right: Tammy Stevens, Chief Executive Officer and Lori Tiers, Development Director accepting a check from a private foundation to support parking spaces for the Madison Health and Wellness Center.



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