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Madison Health & Wellness Center
Partners in Rural Healthcare Resiliency

Madison County Memorial Hospital is rallying 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



Pictured Left to Right: Kevin Angel, Program Manager MWU; Representative Allison Tant; Tammy Stevens, Chief Executive Officer; **Back:** Mitchell Allen, Legislative Aide; Kelton Allen, Intern touring the Madison Health and Wellness Center.

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

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 goal is 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 Tant, Representative Shoaf, former Senator Montfort, and Representative Lawson 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 service for the north central Florida region. Through the USDA Track Two Matching Grant Program the hospital is investing \$1.7 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.

being offered by the Mobile Wellness Unit has been serving Madison and the surrounding communities through community outreach, health education and vaccinations since June of 2021.

Research and development activities are currently underway awaiting the construction project. A team of researchers, nurses, coaches, counselors, business development experts and other personnel are identifying the various lines of business that are to be included in the center. The Community Health Needs Assessment and the upcoming community Health Summit are key strategies that are being leveraged to provide the hospital with data from our community that will drive the types of services for the selection process. “The first lines of business being considered”, said Tammy Stevens, CEO of Madison County Memorial Hospital, “are Orthopedic Services, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation, Women’s Health, Geriatric Wellness, Infusion Therapy, Mental Wellness, Chronic Disease Prevention, Nutrition Programming, and Healthcare Retail.”

The space is built on a collaborative care model to help integrate healthcare services between a variety of providers. Likewise, it leverages an incubator model to establish shared workspaces, operations, maintenance, marketing, billing, and other business services to be able to offer higher quality services at a lower cost.

Madison County Memorial Hospital is calling on our community to walk alongside them to help leave a legacy for future generations. “If you have a gift for design, gardening, and/or serving others we need you”, said Lori Evans, Director of Development. “In the next year we plan to bring together organizations, locals, and businesses to contribute to the design of the space by donating items, expertise, talent, and/or treasure”. To find out more or to get involved contact the Mobile Wellness Unit at 850-253-1907 or coach@mcmh.us.



Pictured: Representative Allison Tant; Tammy Stevens, Chief Executive Officer; Tour Madison County Memorial Hospital and Madison Health & Wellness Center.

Madison County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) is located near downtown Madison, Florida and serves a sixty-mile radius of North Florida and South Georgia. With an Emergency Room, Inpatient-Nursing, Swing-bed, Acute Care and Observation as well as Outpatient- diagnostic, physical, occupational and speech therapy, full-service laboratory, Endoscopy services, and General Surgery, the goal is to build a collaborative network to ensure a strong and healthy community through innovative health services. www.mcmh.us and Facebook [madisoncountymemorialhospitalMCMH](https://www.facebook.com/madisoncountymemorialhospitalMCMH).

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