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### **Madison County Memorial Hospital Launches Mobile Wellness Unit** Partners in Wellness

**Madison County Memorial Hospital** received a donation of two ambulances from YKI Group, LLC and two of their sister companies, TriSpark Media and Butler Title. The plan was to outfit the vehicles to be able to engage with the community around health and wellness. The hospital was approached by YKI with what seemed to be an unbelievable offer, “we are looking for a hospital to donate an ambulance to”, said



Katreena Niebla, Project Manager at YKI. Even though the corporate office is in South Florida, the service area includes Tallahassee which led them to look at Madison.

Shortly after the hospital acquired the vehicles COVID began to spread, and the hospital had to fight the pandemic. After launching the vaccination station, the hospital requested funding from the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) to turn one of the ambulances into a mobile unit. The hospital was awarded \$743,000 to outfit the ambulances, hire additional staff, pay for vaccines and other supplies,



**Pictured Left to Right:** Rebecca Hughes, RN, Nurse Manager and former Infection Preventionist; Patrick McGee, Chief Financial Officer; Tammy Stevens, Chief Executive Officer; Katreena Niebla, Project Manager for YKI; Gerry Roberts, Plant Operations Manager; Jim Sale, Chairman of the Board (at the time of the donation).

conduct outreach and health education, secure protection equipment and establish an online learning management system to build modules for staff, providers, and the community.

Funded in part by the HRSA grant, the hospital converted one of the ambulances into a Mobile Vaccination Vehicle. “While the drive through has served us well, says Lori Evans, *Director of Development*, “as we expanded to people under the age of 65, we felt like being able to take it out in the community would help us vaccinate more people in a shorter time frame.”