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Stormont-Vail HealthCare Opens its New Emergency and Trauma Center

Public Open House Will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009

TOPEKA, KAN., June 15, 2009 — Two years after the groundbreaking, Stormont-Vail HealthCare will open its doors to the new Emergency and Trauma Center, located at the southwest corner of S.W. Eighth Ave. and Washburn Ave. Staff will begin caring for patients in the new facility at 3 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

To celebrate the biggest construction project in Stormont-Vail's 125-year history, a public open house will be 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in the parking lot and first two floors of the new facility. Tours will be available for the public to get a behind-the-scene look at the new facility.

The tours will include the first floor which is the Emergency and Trauma Center, and the second floor which is the new Clinical Decision Unit and Critical Care Department. In addition to the tours, "bounce" houses will be available for children along with popcorn, cotton candy, and hot dogs. Guests will be able to meet Stormont-Vail staff and will be able to visit with other emergency response agencies, such as American Medical Response, Topeka Police and Fire departments and Shawnee County Sheriff representatives to name a few. This event is free to the public.

For guests attending the event, parking will be available in the Cotton-O'Neil Cancer and Digestive Health Centers (S.W. Eighth and Washburn, and S.W. Eighth and Lane). Additional parking will be available at S.W. Eighth and Horne. Complimentary shuttle service will be provided.

Invitation to the media:

To arrange coverage for the public event on June 17, please contact Nancy Burkhardt, Director of Marketing, at (785) 575-5493 (pager) or nburkhardt@stormontvail.org.

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