Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare broke ground for its new freestanding emergency center at the crossroads of I-10 and Thomasville Road on May 29. Projected to open in May 2013, Tallahassee Memorial Emergency Center – Northeast will be designed and equipped to handle most emergency situations and built with special consideration for pediatric and geriatric patients and their families.

“At TMH, we are excited about the expansion of our emergency services to include an off-campus, freestanding facility that focuses on delivering high quality, emergency services with a team of board certified emergency physicians,” said Mark O’Bryant, President & CEO, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare. “TMH is most grateful for the cooperation and input it has received from those who will be neighbors to the new emergency center.”

“Tallahassee Memorial Emergency Center - Northeast has special features to help our youngest and oldest patients as well as state-of-the art concierge emergency medicine for all members of our Big Bend community,” said Albert Lee, M.D., Chair of the Tallahassee Memorial Medical Executive Committee.

According to Sam Ashoo, M.D., Medical Director, Tallahassee Memorial Emergency Services, “For pediatric and geriatric patients, this facility offers a less stressful environment to seek emergency medical care. Tallahassee Memorial Emergency Center - Northeast features a separate entrance and interactive waiting area for children and their families, while dimmed lighting, low-glare flooring, and stretchers with thicker mattresses were selected to make geriatric patients more comfortable.”

Kim Williams, Chair of the TMH Board of Directors and former Chair of the Economic Development Council of Tallahassee/Lee County, sees a boost to the local economy. “The new emergency center will create more than 150 jobs, including nursing, respiratory therapy, and security positions. TMH will also support the local economy with construction costs, including labor and materials, to complete this 45,000 square-foot facility.”

Freda Lyon, Administrator, Tallahassee Memorial Emergency Services, presided over the ceremony that included presentations by Mr. O’Bryant, Dr. Lee, Dr. Ashoo and Mr. Williams along with remarks by John Marks, Mayor, City of Tallahassee and Akin Akinyemi, Chairman, Leon County Commission and Commissioner at Large.

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Second Annual Battle of the Bands

Lincoln High School Students Raise $10,000 for the Tallahassee Memorial Heart & Vascular Center

The competition at Lincoln High School’s Jimmy Everett Track was fierce on Friday, April 27, 2012. The battle was not one of sport, but rather one of student bands playing and bringing the community together to raise funds for the Tallahassee Memorial Heart & Vascular Center.

Over 900 people attended Lincoln High School’s second annual Battle of the Bands, which featured twelve Leon County high school bands and over 30 local businesses that sponsored the event with donations of both cash and services. Vendor and service booths surrounded Jimmy Everett Track as the bands “showcased their stuff” on two stages. Activity and excitement filled the infield.

Through the leadership of Lincoln Principal Allen Burch and coordination by the “Battle’s” lead teachers – Beth Button and Billie Ann Gay – Lincoln High School’s Trojans canvassed the community to raise both dollars and awareness of heart disease. In that effort, the students met their set goal of $10,000 and the check was presented to the TMH Foundation during the “Battle’s” closing ceremony. The Foundation was represented by its President and CEO Paula Fortunas, Development Director Aaron Kinnon and Lisa Mullee, Director of Tallahassee Memorial Cardiovascular Labs, along with Wayne Batchelor, M.D., a cardiologist at Southern Medical Group – one of the event’s leading sponsors.

Dr. Batchelor, who was the principal speaker, noted: “With heart disease killing more men and women each year than any other disease in the world, including all causes of cancer combined, it is wonderful to witness Lincoln High School dedicating so much time and effort to this worthy cause. The resounding success of the “Battle of the Bands” is clearly the result of the hard work of many. We thank the Lincoln High School administration, teachers, student body, as well as the event coordinators and sponsors, for supporting TMH in its continued fight against heart disease.”

In response to the insightful and community-minded decision by the Lincoln students, Ms. Mullee said, “I am so proud and excited that Lincoln High School has chosen to serve the community by raising awareness of heart disease and donating to the Tallahassee Memorial Heart & Vascular Center with its specialization in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.”

“With a two-year total topping $17,000, and Lincoln High School’s ongoing commitment to the “Battle of the Bands” and its partnership with the TMH Foundation, the Trojans will be recognized for fighting heart disease,” said Mr. Kinnon. “A particular naming opportunity has not been determined but Lincoln High School will soon be honored in the Tallahassee Memorial Heart & Vascular Center.”

This year’s “Battle” is over, but the war against heart disease continues, and the Lincoln High School Trojans are once again making “Battle” plans for next year. Don’t just sit on the sidelines, plan to come next year and join in the fight – against heart disease!
Marvin Goldstein, who performed during the Golden Gala dinner on the one-of-a-kind re-creation of the White House “Gold” Steinway Grand from Steinway’s Legendary Collection – courtesy of the Tallahassee Automobile Museum and DeVoe and Shirley Moore
Mary & Ray Solomon
Melissa & Rick Moore
Michelle Young, Virginia Glass, Dina Moriarty
Brian Blankenship admires autographed guitar presented to him by Keith Urban during Golden Gala performance
Austin & Heather Cattani and Angela & Mark O’ Bryant
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Keith Urban welcomes Rachel and Monica Henry to Golden Gala


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