



Harris County Hospital District

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MEDIA RELEASE

HCHD Breaks Ground on Two New Health Centers

Projects represent part of the district's multi-year \$158 million facilities expansion program

HOUSTON (Nov. 6, 2007) – The Harris County will break ground on two new health centers in November, nearly \$27 million worth of construction as part of its \$158 million multi-year facilities expansion/renovation and land acquisition program.

The program represents the largest construction investment for the hospital district in nearly 20 years.

At 2 p.m. Nov. 10, administration and other invited guests will officially kick off construction of a new \$13.5 million replacement for Martin Luther King Health Center. The site is located off Cullen Boulevard, near Airport Road in south Houston, and will add capacity for 37,100 new patient visits.

The new 64,000-square-foot building will replace the current 15,050-square-foot center located within HCHD's Quentin Mease Community Hospital off of North MacGregor Way and Scott Street. New MLK will have 53 examination rooms and 524 parking spaces.

Then at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 13, administration and other invited guests will officially kick off construction for a new \$13.9 million facility in Alief. The 66,000-square-foot facility will be located on a 12-acre lot, a previous Metro park-and-ride lot near Bissonet Boulevard and Boone Road.

The new two-story building will accommodate 100,000 patient visits annually through its 73 exam and procedure rooms and 467 parking spaces.

Both centers are expected to be completed by late spring and early summer in 2009.

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation's third most populous county. Annually, the district provides more than 1 million health care visits to uninsured, underinsured and medically needy residents of Harris County. It operates three major hospitals, 12 community health centers, 13 homeless shelter clinics, eight school-based clinics, a dental center and four mobile health units.

WHAT: Groundbreakings for Martin Luther King and Alief health centers

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 – Martin Luther King Health Center

WHERE: 3700 Swingle Road, Houston, TX 77047

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 – Alief Health Center

WHERE: 8901 Boone Road, Houston, TX 77099

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