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AMMC Annual Meeting

**BOARD REVIEWS ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
LOOKS AHEAD TO COMING YEAR**

PARAGOULD, AR -- At its annual meeting on July 21, 2008, the Arkansas Methodist Hospital Corporation, which oversees Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC) met to review AMMC's activities and accomplishments over the past fiscal year, and to outline the medical center's innovative year ahead.

During fiscal 2008, AMMC's activities and accomplishments included:

- Caring for more than 109,000 patients
- Performing more than 8,000 health screening tests for members of the communities served at various health fairs
- Training more than 8,000 people in CPR
- Providing nearly \$9 million in uncompensated care in keeping with the medical center's nonprofit mission
- More than 5,000 ambulances calls to Paragould and the surrounding communities of Corning and Rector totaling more than 185,000 miles
- Investing nearly \$2 million in new equipment and state-of-the-art technology
- Provided \$26,181,000 in wages and benefits
- Total value of benefits provided to the communities served during the past three years: \$105,000,000

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- The establishment of the Mission Clinic, though a collaborative community effort working with Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas and Crowley's Ridge Rural Health Coalition, in order to help meet the healthcare needs of those persons whose financial situation has left them without health insurance or the finances available to obtain health care services.
- The establishment of a Diabetes Care Clinic to better assist patients in monitoring and managing the disease, as well as, raise awareness and educate the public about diabetes.
- A myriad of awards for AMMC's "It's all about you," focus on quality and compassionate care. AMMC was recognized for outstanding customer service and excellence in the delivery of care including being named as a "Hospital Provider of Choice" by the HealthCare Service Excellence Association.

"In the past year, AMMC has seen significant growth while maintaining our keen focus on providing a high standard of care to our patients, Ron Rooney, President/CEO of AMMC said. "We are continually investing in new technology, services and programs to ensure our patients receive the highest level of personalized care."

Rooney added, "Looking to the year ahead, the construction of our patient tower remains a top priority, and we will also be moving forward with the planned construction of a premier retirement community to provide new living options and amenities for the region's seniors."

Jannie Distretti, Chairman, Arkansas Methodist Board of Directors said, "We are honored by the trust that our patients place in us to take care of them. Our region of service continues to be one of fastest growing in the state, and we remain committed to our mission of service, our patients and ensuring that Arkansas Methodist continues to be healthcare leader in the region."

A recognized healthcare leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould is a state-of-the-art nonprofit institution providing compassionate care to residents throughout the Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri region. Additional information about AMMC is available at:

www.arkansasmethodist.org.