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Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Administrators receive honors

PARAGOULD, AR – Arkansas Methodist Medical Center President and CEO Ron Rooney recently was honored as a finalist for the Non-Profit Business Person of the Year for 2008 by *Northeast Arkansas Business Today*.

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center is a leading provider of quality and compassionate healthcare services throughout Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Rooney has been president/CEO since 1988.

Healthcare has played a major role in Ron Rooney's life. He grew up in a medical family, the son of a doctor with several relatives who were also doctors and nurses. The familial foundation sparked a passion in Rooney for caring about the well being of others, which has molded him into the visionary healthcare leader he is today. With Rooney's exemplary management skills, he guided healthcare facilities in six states before coming to Paragould more than 20 years ago.

Rooney is a board member of the Economic Development Corporation of Paragould; a past president of the Paragould/Greene County Chamber of Commerce and a longtime member of the Rotary Club. He has been recognized with many awards from these organizations.

Rooney has also served in many leadership roles with the Arkansas Hospital Association (AHA). He serves on the state's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee as a representative of the AHA.

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Rooney earned his MBA from The George Washington University and holds a BA from Syracuse University. He is also board certified in healthcare management by the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Along with Rooney's prestigious recognition, Shane Carter, Director of the Foundation and Marketing for AMMC was honored as an Outstanding Young Executive for 2008 by *Northeast Arkansas Business Today*.

Carter oversees the medical center's foundation, public relations, marketing and special events as well as serving as an officer for the retirement community that AMMC is currently developing.

Carter serves on the board of directors of the Endowment Foundation of Greene County and is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and American College of Healthcare Executives. He is also on the board of directors of the Arkansas Hospital Association Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations.

He is a graduate of Arkansas State and Mississippi State Universities and is completing a Masters of Healthcare Administration from Seton Hall University. Carter has been employed by AMMC since 2007.

A recognized leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould provides progressive, compassionate healthcare to residents throughout Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Additional information about AMMC is available at: www.arkansasmethodist.org.