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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ribbon Cutting and Open House

**ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER AND MISSION OUTREACH TO
HOST OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW MISSION CLINIC**

Community-Led Effort Becomes Reality

- WHO:** Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC) and Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas
- WHAT:** AMMC and Mission Outreach will host a ribbon cutting and open house for the new Mission Clinic which recently opened its doors to those in need. The result of a community-led effort and joint venture of AMMC and Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas, the clinic assists persons who meet an income criterion of 150 percent below the poverty level, with much needed health care services. Office space for the clinic was donated by AMMC with medical center staff, physicians and other community professionals donating their time, skills and expertise. Pharmacists also are donating services to the clinic with pharmaceutical companies donating medications.
- WHEN:** Thursday, November 15, 2007
4-6 p.m. – Open House
4:30 p.m. – Ribbon Cutting
- WHERE:** #1 Medical Drive, Paragould
- WHY:** According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, some 46.6 millions Americans are without health insurance and nearly 25 percent of those are families with incomes of less than \$25,00 a year. The community saw a need to provide medical assistance to those whose financial situation has left them without health insurance or the finances necessary to obtain adequate health care. The Mission Clinic serves to help fill that need.

Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas was incorporated in 1982 as a result of a pastor's vision to minister to the homeless of Northeast Arkansas to equip and empower individuals to sustain or regain self-sufficiency through housing, food, resources and supportive services.

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center is a 129-bed, fully JCAHO accredited, not-for-profit medical center located in Paragould, Arkansas. AMMC has touched thousands of lives since 1949 as a Beacon of Health, Hope and Healing. Additional AMMC information is available at: www.arkansasmethodist.org.