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Connerton and University Community Hospital Announce Plans to Develop Medical Facilities

Medical Office Building will be first occupant in Connerton Commerce Park

TAMPA, Fla. (February 24, 2006) –Connerton and University Community Hospital (UCH) have jointly announced plans to develop medical office space and services in Connerton Commerce Park, the town’s industrial, office and service complex. A 90,000 square foot medical office building will be built during the first phase of development at the commerce park. UCH also intends to develop and build on adjacent land, a long term acute care hospital pending approval by Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration.

“We are very pleased to offer high-quality medical facilities to the residents of Connerton,” said Stewart Gibbons, president of Connerton. “The quality of life at Connerton is exceptional, and our partnership with University Community Hospital will be yet another benefit to the town.”

Connerton Commerce Park will eventually offer 800,000 square feet of space to industrial, office and service tenants. UCH will focus on filling the medical office building with primary care physicians as its tenants. This project is the first in a series of planned medical facilities for the 4,800-acre community. A Diagnostic Imaging Center

and Urgent Care facility are also being considered and are just a few of the many amenities designed to make Connerton a self-sufficient community.

“This is a great opportunity for us,” said Calvin Glidewell, chief executive officer of University Community Hospital. “The goal for developing new medical facilities is to provide health care services that are more accessible and convenient, thereby better meeting the needs of the central Pasco health care consumer. We’re excited to be the first medical service provider for Connerton, offering our services to a brand new town.”

About Connerton

Connerton is a 4,800 acre mixed-use master planned community in Central Pasco County, and the only “New Town” currently under construction in the greater Tampa Bay area. In total, there are approximately 8,500 residential units planned with over 3 million square feet of commercial space for office, retail and industrial uses. Over half of the 264 residences in The Arbors, the first village in Connerton, are sold. The community will feature many amenities, including a Town Center, fitness and aquatics complex, amphitheatre, gymnasium, parks, walking trails and conservation areas. A hospital, regional park and 3 schools are also planned.

For more information on Connerton, call (813) 995-2460 or visit www.connerton.com.

About University Community Hospital

Opened in 1968, University Community Hospital is a 431-bed facility that is home to six Centers of Excellence, which focus resources on major disease areas including cancer treatment, cardiac care, women's health, pediatrics, diabetes management and orthopaedics. The hospital is part of the University Community Health network of hospitals, which was created to reflect the combined strength and partnership achieved through the union of University Community Hospital (UCH) and UCH-Carrollwood in Tampa, Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital in Tarpon Springs, and Sun Coast Hospital in Largo. University Community Hospital is a regional health care leader committed to providing the community with safe, knowledgeable, compassionate care and a comprehensive range of services. The Pepin Heart Hospital & Dr. Kiran C. Patel Research Institute, scheduled to open this month on the campus of University Community Hospital, is the fifth and newest hospital in the University Community

Health network of hospitals and is positioned to transform the delivery of healthcare with its all-digital technology. University Community Hospital is located at 3100 East Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, Fla., (813) 971-6000.

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