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UCH Long Term Acute Care Facility Breaks Ground at Connerton

TAMPA, Fla. (February 4, 2008)—University Community Health broke ground today on a 50-bed long-term acute care facility (LTAC), which will be the first tenant at Connerton Commerce Park.

“We at Connerton are very proud to be home to Pasco County’s new premier health facility,” said Connerton President Stew Gibbons. “UCH’s expansion here is testament to the great office and industrial space Connerton Commerce Park offers businesses.”

Located on 38 acres on U.S. Highway 41, the LTAC is for those with chronic illnesses who need to remain in the hospital for several weeks. Construction is expected to be completed in early winter 2009. The 48,000-square foot, one-story LTAC will feature all private rooms, an operating room for in-patient minor procedures, chapel, gift shop, inner courtyard and dining area. The architect for the project is Gobbell Hayes Partners Inc., and the interior designer is Allison Hughey with Inner Design Studio.

After the LTAC is completed, construction will start on the campus’ second phase, with services that appropriate for the growing community as needed. UCH was granted approval for a LTAC and an ambulatory care center in Connerton in spring 2006.

“We are excited to be the first medical service provider for Connerton offering our health care services to a brand new town,” said Norm Stein, president and chief executive officer of University Community Health.

About University Community Health

University Community Health is a network of hospitals that was created to reflect the combined strength and partnership achieved through the union of University Community Hospital (UCH) and UCH-Carrollwood in Tampa, and Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital in Tarpon Springs. Pepin Heart Hospital & Dr. Kiran C. Patel Research Institute, the new hospital in the University Community Health network of hospitals, is positioned to transform the delivery of healthcare with its digital technology. University Community Health is located at 3100 East Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, Fla., (813) 971-6000.

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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, approximately 8,500 residential units are planned with more than 3 million square feet of commercial space for office, retail and industrial uses. The Arbors, the first village in Connerton, is nearly sold out. Village Two, The Gardens, is now selling.

The community currently features amenities including the first Village Center with a Publix Super Market, banks and other convenient shops and services; walking trails, boardwalks, neighborhood parks and conservation areas. A fitness and aquatics complex, an amphitheatre and parks are under development; and a hospital, medical offices, a regional park and three schools and a town center are also planned.

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

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