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National Hospital Week Highlights the Importance of Local Hospitals

Reeves Regional Health celebrates staff and new facility during a nationwide campaign.

PECOS, Texas (May 5, 2023) – Hospitals in rural communities like Reeves County, have a critical role in saving lives and keeping communities healthy. By providing essential healthcare services to those who need it most, including those who have fallen ill or in an accident, hospital teams work around the clock to protect their neighbors. With a brand-new facility, Reeves Regional Health (RRH) has much to celebrate during National Hospital Week (May 7-13) this year.

National Hospital Week is a nationwide campaign where thousands of hospitals celebrate the healthcare professionals and their services that keep our communities healthy. What began in 1921 as the brainchild of a magazine editor who wanted to educate the public about the work of hospitals, National Hospital Week has become one of the nation's largest healthcare celebrations.

"We have a lot for which to be grateful this year," says Brenda McKinney, CEO of RRH. "With the support of our community, hospital board, medical staff and team members at RRH in the opening of our brand-new hospital campus, the greater Reeves County region now has access to world-class care in a modern facility designed for the generations to come."

Each department and service offered by RRH exemplifies what has become the hallmark of healthcare in the community. The combined synergy amongst the medical, office, and support teams results in the highest quality of care and service to each patient.

The first hospital in Pecos was founded in the early 1900s and was practiced out of Dr. Jim Camp's home for several years before moving to the old jail. In 1929, the first official hospital was constructed. A county hospital opened in 1954 before a newer facility was built and opened in 1978.

Since the opening of the last hospital in the late '70s, the hospital experienced several expansions and renovations. Still, the building began showing signs of age, especially as the hospital district identified the need for more spaces to offer expanded medical services to serve the community better.

After years of planning, the new 140,000-square-foot RRH hospital campus opened to much fanfare in November 2022, replacing a nearly 45-year-old facility.

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The new hospital was designed from the ground up with a patient-centric approach in-mind and houses general facilities, expanded space for core services, including a larger emergency department, two large surgical suites, a women's center, and upgraded technology.

"It was kind of bittersweet leaving our old building behind, but the new hospital campus has been absolutely amazing," McKinney says. "Returning and new patients continue to laud the hospital for its layout, comfort, and amenities. And, of course, the service of our incredible team."

McKinney notes that rural hospitals serve as vital lifelines, especially in small communities where driving long distances to larger cities is a burden.

"Over the past 12 years or so, we have seen many rural hospitals close in Texas and across the nation. Thankfully, that is not the case here in Reeves County," McKinney emphasizes. "Our local community can take comfort knowing that their local hospital is thriving, and a team of compassionate healthcare providers is just down the road, ready to care for them in their moment of need."

To learn more about local healthcare services or to find a provider, visit www.reevesregional.com.

About Reeves Regional Health

Reeves Regional Health (RRH), formally known as Reeves County Hospital District, provides healthcare services for Reeves County and neighboring West Texas communities. Founded in 1954, RRH, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers various medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory, and more. RRH also operates Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice, and Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic. In November 2022, RRH began serving patients from a new \$115 million, 140,000-square-foot campus. For more information, please visit www.reevesregional.com.

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