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Capital Campaign Goal for the Hospitality House Met and Exceeded

Bowling Green, Ky. (June 21, 2011) – Commonwealth Health Foundation has announced the completion of its first capital campaign, raising over \$3.8 million for the construction and opening of the Hospitality House on The Medical Center campus. The success of the campaign was made possible through the support of individuals, businesses and organizations throughout Southcentral Kentucky.

“We are grateful to those in our community who made the dream of opening the Hospitality House a reality,” said Connie D. Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of Commonwealth Health Corporation. “Families of critically ill patients being cared for at The Medical Center and Commonwealth Regional Specialty Hospital now have a place where they can rest and re-charge between visits to a loved one.”

“This beautiful facility is a testament of your faith in our mission and of your generosity to our community,” said Mike Murphy, Chairman of the *Extending Home* Capital Campaign Steering Committee, during a special open house for donors held June 21. “From the bottom of my heart, I would like to say thank you.”

In January 2010, Commonwealth Health Foundation announced the *Extending Home* Capital Campaign with a goal of raising \$3 million to cover the costs to construct and furnish the Hospitality House and establish an endowment to ensure ongoing operation. Construction began in April 2010 with completion in December. The Hospitality House opened to guests in January.

In addition to 12 private guestrooms and baths, the Hospitality House features a large kitchen and dining room to accommodate multiple families, a prayer room, a community room with comfortable furnishings, and a business center with computers and internet access. There is

not a charge to stay at the Hospitality House; however, donations to help support the operation of the Hospitality House are gratefully accepted.

“While this is a great achievement for our community, please know that the Foundation will continue to solicit funds to build the endowment,” said Murphy. “The Hospitality House is a wonderful addition to our community and will need our continued support.”

To learn more about the Hospitality House and how you can help support ongoing operations, contact Commonwealth Health Foundation at (270) 796-5543 or visit www.hospitalityhousebg.org.

About Commonwealth Health Foundation

Commonwealth Health Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization established as the philanthropic arm of Commonwealth Health Corporation (CHC). Commonwealth Health Foundation helps build relationships and partnerships across Southcentral Kentucky that will inspire charitable giving by individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations. These gifts help support the mission of CHC to care for people and improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.CommonwealthHealthFoundation.org or call (270)796-5543.

About Commonwealth Health Corporation

Commonwealth Health Corporation is the parent company of The Medical Center at Bowling Green, Franklin, and Scottsville, Commonwealth Regional Specialty Hospital and various healthcare related entities throughout South Central Kentucky. With a mission to care for people and improve the quality of life in the communities it serves, CHC and its entities contributed \$50.4 million in total benefits to the community in fiscal year 2010 including millions through charity care for the uninsured and shortfalls in governmental reimbursements (Medicare and Medicaid). To learn more about CHC, visit www.chc.net.

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