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Salina Regional Health Foundation Receives \$800,000 Challenge Grant

(January 18, 2010) The J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation, Tulsa, Oklahoma, has awarded an \$800,000 challenge grant to the Salina Regional Health Foundation for the \$6 million Every Child Matters Campaign to build the new Donna L. Vanier Children's Center.

The Mabee Foundation was formed in 1948 by John E. Mabee and his wife Lottie E. Mabee. The purposes of the Foundation are to aid Christian religious organizations, charitable organizations, institutions of higher learning, hospitals and other organizations of a general charitable nature. The geographical area of interest of the Foundation includes the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Donna L. Vanier Children's Center is to be located at 155 N. Oakdale and will serve as home to three separate, but inter-related children's programs, including Salina Regional Health Center's Infant –Child Development Program, and two community programs, Child Advocacy and Parenting Services (CAPS) and Salina Child Care Association.

To date, the Salina Regional Health Foundation has raised \$4.6 million toward the \$6 million campaign goal. The grant from the Mabee Foundation is a challenge grant. In order to receive the Mabee grant, the Salina Regional Health Foundation must raise \$5.2 million by January 2011 or it will lose the opportunity to receive the funds from Mabee. The \$800,000 Mabee grant is intended to finish-off a successful campaign.

Construction on the children's center is expected to begin this summer, with an expected completion date of summer of 2011. A construction contract will be put out for bid this spring.

"The Mabee Foundation has presented our community with potentially a wonderful gift, said Tom Martin, Executive Director, Salina Regional Health Foundation. If each person will just give to his or her ability, we have a real opportunity to help children in our area who need it most."

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