

Memorial Health Care System

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MEDIA ALERT

Memorial CEO to Swing First Wrecking Ball as TB Hospital Demolition Begins

A part of Chattanooga's past will make room for its future as demolition begins on the former Tennessee Tuberculosis Hospital as part of Memorial's plans for growth to boost healthcare services for the Chattanooga region.

What: James M. Hobson, Memorial Health Care System president and chief executive, will take the first swing at the former TB Hospital with a wrecking ball. Demolition will continue as part of Memorial's growth plan.

When: Thursday, September 8, at 10 a.m..

Where: Former TB Hospital, next to Memorial Hospital, Glenwood Campus, on Chamberlain Ave.

Why: Memorial will be removing the former Tennessee TB Hospital as part of its expansion plans.

Background: The building which was used as a Tuberculosis (T.B.) Hospital from 1951 until 1975. The property reverted to the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County in February of 1993 when the State of Tennessee ceased to use it for health-related purposes. On February 17, 1993, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Memorial Hospital. Under the agreement, Memorial hospital assumed all financial responsibility including security, maintenance, utilities, etc.

Memorial Health Care System is a not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare organization. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and strengthened as part of Catholic Health Initiatives, it offers a continuum of care including preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, orthopedic and rehabilitation services. Memorial is a regional referral center of choice with 4,000 associates and more than 700 affiliated physicians providing health care throughout Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. Memorial Health Care System is recognized as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, the health care industry's leading source of information on hospital quality. To learn more, visit www.memorial.org.

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