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### THE MEDICAL GROUP MOVES TO THE NEW GOODALL HEALTH CENTER IN KENNEBUNK

Kennebunk, ME... Officials representing Goodall Hospital and The Medical Group hosted a public open house and ribbon cutting on Sunday, September 7, to mark the opening of The Medical Group's new home at the Goodall Health Center. The move into the new facility is a result of the recent partnership between Goodall Hospital, a non-profit community hospital in Sanford, and The Medical Group, a primary care practice in Kennebunk, that will result in the development of additional outpatient services and enhanced patient care in the Kennebunk area. The Medical Group is a large primary care practice established by Jonathan Shill, MD in 1975. In his remarks at the ribbon cutting, Dr. Shill welcomed "the opportunity to work with a trusted community hospital to expand the quality and scope of primary care available to people where they work and live."

Darlene Stromstad, President/CEO of Goodall Hospital, thanked the Kennebunk community, represented by special guests Barry A. Tibbetts, Town Manager, and Wayne E. Berry, Selectmen Chair, for "your warm and gracious welcome." She outlined a multi-step process to fully implement the partnership between the Hospital and The Medical Group, including the addition of several new doctors to its staff over the coming months.

The new home of The Medical Center has been designed “from the ground up with patient convenience and privacy in mind,” according to Stromstad. The office space has 27,000 square feet, 54 exam rooms, on-site diagnostic imaging and laboratory services, 19 providers on-site, and same day service available 7 days a week. The Goodall Health Center also has ample room to accommodate future outpatient services. Plans call for enhanced state-of-the-art diagnostic capabilities, including on-site digital mammography – one of the very few located in a physicians’ office setting. In addition, the hospital and practice will be linked through information technology systems that make it possible to coordinate care in non-hospital locations. Future plans include a new Goodall Hospital Outpatient Center, scheduled to open in 2009, an on-site pharmacy, fitness center, and other related health services

According to George E. Hissong, Jr., Chairman of the Goodall Hospital Board of Trustees, the new partnership reflects “a recognition that today, much of healthcare is delivered on an outpatient basis, and is built on a strong relationship between the primary care team and the patient. We at Goodall are true believers in the critical role that organizations like ours can play in community education, patient outreach and preventive medicine.”

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