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POARCH CREEK DONATES TO ATMORE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

ATMORE, Ala. (Jan. 24, 2013) – The Poarch Band of Creek Indians has donated \$964,000 to Atmore Community Hospital (ACH) in Escambia County, Alabama. The hospital provides a range of health care services to the City of Atmore and the Tribal community, including vital emergency room services. The presentation was made by the Tribal Council Members as a result of a Resolution from the Tribal Council during a special ceremony held Jan. 24 at the hospital.

“We are thrilled that we are able to help out our local hospital, especially in these tough economic times. The Tribal Council realizes how important quality healthcare is, and that every person deserves to receive the best care available. We believe this donation will only enhance that quality of care that is already being provided by Atmore Community Hospital.” said Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin.

An initial donation of \$484,000 will be used for renovations and equipment to the hospital and emergency room, with no less than \$150,000 of the donation to be used to renovate the emergency room. The Tribe will donate \$40,000 a month for a year, with the option for the Tribe to make an additional donation to match money collected from a community supported fundraising event.

"This is an especially difficult time for rural hospitals across the nation. This gift from the Tribe will allow us to make some much-needed improvements to our facility’s equipment and technology,” said John Tucker, ACH vice president and administrator. “We are very appreciative that the Tribe has once again demonstrated its commitment and extraordinary generosity to organizations in our community."

Want more information?

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About the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

The Poarch Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. Unlike many eastern Indian tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their tribal lands and have lived together for almost 200 years in and around the reservation in Poarch, Alabama. The reservation is located eight miles northwest of Atmore, Alabama, in rural Escambia County, and 57 miles east of Mobile.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents. Poarch Creek Indian Gaming manages three gaming facilities in Alabama, including: Wind Creek Hotel & Casino in Atmore; Riverside Casino in Wetumpka; and, Tallapoosa Casino in Montgomery. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an active partner in the state of Alabama, contributing to economic, educational, social and cultural projects benefiting both tribal members and residents of these local communities and neighboring towns.

About Atmore Community Hospital

Atmore Community Hospital provides inpatient acute and emergency care, plus surgery, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, physical therapy and home health services. In addition, Atmore Community Hospital offers access to primary care and specialty physicians to provide convenient patient care. Atmore Community Hospital, an affiliate of Baptist Health Care, is guided by the Mission to provide superior service based on Christian values to improve the quality of life for the people of the communities we serve.

About Baptist Health Care

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization committed to improving the quality of life for people and communities in northwest Florida and south Alabama. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes four hospitals, two medical parks, Baptist Manor, Baptist Leadership Group, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center, Baptist Medical Group and Cardiology Consultants. With more than 6,000 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida. For more information, please visit www.eBaptistHealthCare.org.

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