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### Partnership Announced Between Newberry Hospital and Newberry College

**Newberry, South Carolina (June 23, 2022)** – Newberry County Memorial Hospital and Newberry College have announced they have entered into a long-term relationship to ensure the growth of healthcare in Newberry County. The commitment between the College and Hospital will expand the current partnership in nursing and orthopedics, and provide a daytime clinic on the Newberry College campus.

Newberry Hospital and Newberry College are working together to develop short and long-term plans to address the shortages in nursing and to look for additional avenues to provide the best healthcare possible for the community. Part of the short-term plan is the approval by the governing board of Newberry Hospital of \$500,000 to grow the nursing and orthopedic programs and create a daytime clinic that will be located in the Newberry College Nursing & Health Science Center. Ground breaking for the building took place in February of 2022 on the Newberry College campus.

“Newberry County is fortunate to not only have exceptional organizations such as Newberry College and Newberry Hospital, but to have the commitment from these organizations to unite to ensure the future of healthcare for our community,” said Bruce Baldwin, Chief Executive Officer of Newberry Hospital. “Newberry County is truly a special place.”

Newberry College launched the school of nursing in 2009 and in 2016, added the healthcare management major. In 2017, the College expanded their nursing program to include RN-to-BSN and then announced the addition of a degree in health science in 2019. With the addition of the state of the art Nursing & Health Science Center on the Newberry College campus, the partnership between the College and the Hospital is the next step in ensuring quality healthcare in our community.

Jerry Alewine, Ph.D., Dean of Nursing and Health Science at Newberry College said, “The culmination of this partnership will be reflected in the healthcare that will be available to our residents.” “Our graduates will have a strong educational background with the hands on skill necessary to have successful careers in healthcare.”

“Moving forward, the partnership between Newberry College and Newberry Hospital, will not only provide opportunities for students today, but will create a legacy that will endure,” said Maurice Scherrens, Ph.D., President of Newberry College. Scherrens went on to say, “Exploring

new endeavors is important to the growth of our students, college, hospital and the future of our community.”

*Located in Newberry, SC, Newberry County Memorial Hospital provides exceptional healthcare and wellness services to the citizens of Newberry County and across the Midlands. The hospital’s services include advanced diagnostics, emergency room, labor and delivery, GYN, orthopedic surgery, rehabilitation services (adults and children), urology, wellness, wound care, ENT, podiatry and hyperbaric medicine. Newberry Hospital has received the Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience award for 7 years in a row. Healthgrades has also named Newberry Hospital among the top 5% in the Nation for Joint Replacement in 2022. Newberry Hospital earned four “Certified Zero Harm Awards,” from the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA), in preventing hospital-acquired infections: Surgical Site Infections Hip; Surgical Site Infections Colon; Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections-ICU; and Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections-Med/Surg. Received the “Drive to Zero Suicide” Award from SCHA for 2021. Learn more at [www.NewberryHospital.org](http://www.NewberryHospital.org). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/newberryhospitalSC/](https://www.facebook.com/newberryhospitalSC/).*

**About Newberry College:** *Newberry College is a private, residential, co-educational institution with a diverse student population. Founded in 1856 by the Lutheran Church, Newberry College continues to be ranked among the South’s best colleges by U.S. News & World Report, consistently honored for value (No. 4), social mobility (No. 7) and overall best (No. 11). Offering baccalaureate degrees in 37 majors, one online graduate program, four online degree-completion programs and five dual-degree programs, the College’s foundation remains grounded in the liberal arts. In addition, the College offers 22 NCAA Division II sports, cheerleading, dance and esports. Newberry College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, and the National Association of Schools of Music. For more information, visit [newberry.edu](http://newberry.edu).*

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