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SRNS sponsors new Women and Children's Health Center in Aiken

AIKEN, S.C. – (August 15, 2024) On August 6, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) presented Rural Health Services, Inc. (RHS) with a \$5,000 donation to support the completion of their new facility in Aiken, South Carolina during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Savannah River Nuclear Solution Executive Vice President Sean Alford presents a \$5,000 check to Rural Health Services, Inc. (RHS) Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Emanuel-McClain, left, and RHS Board Chair Liz Stewart for the new Women and Children's Health Center. Also pictured: RHS Board of Directors Kristen Allen, Gary Farina and Thayer McGahee; and RHS Chief Operating Officer Gigi Lewis.

Spanning 19,645-square-feet, the Emanuel-McClain Women and Children's Health Center enhances healthcare services for women, infants and children. Services include prenatal care, pediatric care, family planning, mammography, delivery and related support services.

RHS Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Emanuel-McClain, the center's namesake, said, "The sponsorship from SRNS helps to enhance healthcare for our most vulnerable populations in the Aiken community and will be used to purchase additional pediatric equipment for this facility."

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RHS CEO Carolyn Emanuel-McClain accepts Aiken City Mayor Teddy Milner's National Health Center Week proclamation during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Also pictured: Gail Diggs, RHS Director of Outreach and Community Health; and Stuart Bedenbaugh. Aiken City Manager.

According to McClain, more than \$8 million in federal funds contributed to the center's construction, infrastructure and furnishings.

"The demand for affordable healthcare services in Aiken and surrounding areas continues to rise," McClain continued. "This center will be able to meet this need and creates a nurturing environment for families, mothers and children to thrive."

SRNS President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Carr, said, "Each year, SRNS and its parent companies Fluor Corporation and HII, give approximately \$1 million in sponsorships to support organizations in the surrounding community. We are thrilled to contribute to an organization that is committed to providing top-quality care to underserved populations."

For more than five decades, RHS has delivered a diverse range of primary and preventive healthcare services. The Women and Children's Health Center will offer lactation consultations for breastfeeding mothers and a diaper bank providing essential items like diapers, wipes, formula, children's clothing, and feminine hygiene products to patients in need.

"Sponsorships from companies like SRNS play a significant role in improving the lives and outcomes of women and children who will be served by this facility," said Sean Alford, SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief of Administration. "We are excited to participate in this event, which signifies a crucial milestone in addressing healthcare disparities for a brighter future."

To learn more about SRNS philanthropic contributions, click here.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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