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DHCHD Announces \$150,000 Bequest Designated for New Nursing Home

DALHART, TEXAS – The Pearl Ingram Estate gave an unrestricted bequest of \$150,000 to Dallam Hartley Counties Hospital District (DHCHD) in early 2022. DHCHD moved the gift to the Dallam Hartley Counties Healthcare Foundation, which is the fundraising entity for DHCHD. At the July meeting for the foundation, the board of directors voted to temporarily designate the \$150,000 toward the building of the new nursing home.

Stella and Barry Walker, executors of the estate, are thrilled the donation is going toward the new nursing home. Don Ingram, son of Pearl, has been a resident of the Coon Memorial Nursing Home for several years. When Stella asked Don if he would like to be in the photo for the Dalhart Texan, he communicated his approval with a big smile.

“Don’s smile is always on his face, he is an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, and he is always happy to visit with staff, friends, and volunteers,” Heather Schriber, Coon Memorial Nursing Home director, said. “We hope Don will be the first resident rolled into the new nursing home in 2024.”

Coon Memorial Nursing Home is more than 70 years old. The DHCHD board of directors, administration and architects have plans drawn for a new 90-bed facility with private rooms. The new facility will sit west of Frank Phillips College facing Rita Blanca Lake.

DHCH Foundation Consultant Joyce Bezner said, “We understand from the DHCHD board that a low interest, long-term loan will be acquired for the building of the nursing home. Many families have had relatives and friends live in Coon Memorial Nursing Home and have fond memories of their experience. I believe there are donors who will want to financially support the new nursing home, as it will serve the community for many years to come.”

Dallam Hartley Counties Hospital District, located in Dalhart, Texas, is a healthcare system designed to serve the community at every stage of life. Offering services including obstetrics, surgery, radiology, and swing bed at Coon Memorial Hospital, providing wellness and rehabilitation services at family practice or specialty clinics, or caring for seniors through long-term care facilities, DHCHD’s mission is to provide quality healthcare close to home. To learn more, visit www.dhchd.org. For additional information about DHCHD, contact Michelle Macha, Marketing Director, at michellem@dhchd.org or 806-244-9258.

For more information regarding fundraising for the new nursing home, please contact Joyce Bezner, DHC Healthcare Foundation Fundraising Consultant, at joyceb@dhchd.org or 806-268-2284.

Photo Attached: L-R Heather Schriber, Coon Memorial Nursing Home Director; Carole Farris & Julia Williams, DHC Healthcare Foundation Board Members; Kacey Schniederjan, CEO, DHCHD; Kevin Caddell, DHC Hospital District Board; Barry & Stella Walker; and Don Ingram in forefront.

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