

Topping-Out Ceremony at Arkansas Heart Hospital Encore *Saline County's Newest Four Story Hospital*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (August 21, 2019) — Arkansas Heart Hospital held a topping out ceremony Wednesday morning on the grounds of the new Arkansas Heart Hospital Encore Hospital. Clark Contractors hoisted the ceremonious final beam signed by employees of Arkansas Heart Hospital. The new four story facility is located off Highway 5 in Bryant.

“The topping out ceremony is physical evidence of the progress we have made towards opening Arkansas Heart Hospital Encore,” said Jacob Robinson, Chief Administrative Officer. “While this is representative of the physical structure, it also signifies to the community our progress towards being able to provide second chances to those who have illnesses not solvable with medication, an Encore.”

“It was a natural choice,” said Dr. Bruce Murphy, Chief Executive. “Saline County has been the home to our Benton Clinic for many, many years. It’s a special community to me and I am delighted at the decision to expand there.”

Arkansas Heart Hospital Encore will be a general acute hospital focusing on Bariatric surgery and medicine and Peripheral Vascular Disease. The projected opening date is fall 2020.

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About Arkansas Heart Hospital

Arkansas Heart Hospital is a nationally recognized and award-winning hospital dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease and related diseases; also focusing on bariatrics, endocrinology and peripheral artery disease. Awarded a Five-Star Rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), based on seven criteria. Arkansas Heart is one of two Arkansas hospitals and one of 293 to receive this rating. Arkansas Heart offers advanced technology teamed with Arkansas’ leading cardiologists and cardiovascular surgeons. The hospital operates 30 clinics statewide, nine catheterization labs, three heart-operating suites and a 24-hour Heart Emergency Center. Arkansas Heart Hospital is a training center for physicians from all over the world.