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Funds Being Raised To Advance Hospital's Women's Health Center

Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services will host the 23rd Annual Charity Invitational

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Golf Tournament, Sept. 14 at the Fox Run Golf Course, 1109 Susan Avenue, Gallup, to raise funds for the hospital's Dr. Philip Kamps Women's Health and Birthing Center.

Breakfast will begin at 8 am with tee-time at 9 am. Entry fee is \$125.00 per person or \$500.00 per four-person team. Entry fee includes full breakfast, snacks, lunch, green fees, golf cart, range balls, gifts, prizes, goodie bag, and after-tournament cookout, four-person scramble, prizes for top teams, closest to the pin on par 3, longest drive. Hole-in-one prize: win a vehicle.

Players must be signed up and paid no later Sept. 12. For more information or to donate, contact Rhonda at (505) 863-7024 or Clarice at (505) 863-7283. Make checks payable to the Western Health Foundation and sign up at Fox Run Golf Course or mail your entry to Charity Invitational, 1109 Susan Ave., Gallup, N.M. 87301.

Dr. Philip Kamps Women's Health and Birthing Center

"The goal of this year's event is to raise \$750,000.00 to refurbish and upgrade this unit of the hospital that services women giving birth," RMCHCS CEO, David Conejo said. "We welcome the opportunity to provide the residents of McKinley County with state of the art birthing facilities, so they needn't travel out of town to ensure world-class deliveries."

This fund-raising event is part of a five-year plan that will begin with the renovation of the women's center. Specific additions will include:

- 7 Labor and Delivery Beds
- 7 Fetal Monitors
- 7 Comfortable Visitor Chairs
- 18 Computers
- 4 Infant Warmers/Resuscitation Units

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Phase II will focus on College Clinic construction costs to expand the clinic space and provide for the growth of the Family Medicine Residency Program, including:

- New Equipment and Furniture
- College Clinic Construction
- Phase III will sustain the Family Medicine Residency Program and expand College Clinic, building a program for the future.

“The Golf Tournament will allow us to bring an intangible element to our birthing facility, newly renovated Labor Delivery Recovery Postpartum (LDRP) rooms,” Women’s Health Center director RN Carrie Mikos said. “Instead of a labor delivery room and a separate post-partum room, these two activities can be joined together in one space to bring families and their newest members together to celebrate and join together.”

As RMCHCS averages 30 births monthly, they have experienced a 32 percent increase over last year. Additional providers have joined RMCHCS: Rachel Pirkel, RN, MSN, CNM.

Sarah Weinstein, CNM and Dr. Andrea Walker has also joined RMCH as an OB/GYN.

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