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**H-E-B PUMPS \$250,000 INTO NEW HEART LAB AT
KERRVILLE AREA'S SID PETERSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

KERRVILLE, Texas – Jan. 26, 2005 – H-E-B is pledging \$250,000 to the Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital (SPMH) to build a heart catheterization suite at the new hospital scheduled for construction just west of the current facility. The contribution is one of the largest in the hospital's history and is in honor of H-E-B's Centennial Celebration and the re-grand opening of its Kerrville store.

"Kerrville has been very good to H-E-B for the past 100 years and we want to return the favor with a meaningful gift that reflects the mission and character of our company," said Winell Herron, H-E-B Group Vice President of Public Affairs and Diversity. "Health and nutrition are important to H-E-B and we're proud to support advanced cardiac care. The new lab will provide a vital service to the community."

"H-E-B's generous donation will help ensure the continued health and well being of Hill Country residents for many generations to come," said SPMH Board President Tom Murray. "The board, our staff, our patients and the entire community are extremely appreciative of H-E-B, and we wish them another 100 years of tremendous success here in Kerrville and throughout the state."

The new catheterization suite will include two labs in the new hospital, doubling SPMH's capacity to provide patients in the Texas Hill Country with both diagnostic and interventional cardiac services.

The new hospital, one of the largest construction projects in Kerrville history, will be located west of the Peterson Ambulatory Care Center on a 35-acre campus at the end of Wesley Drive. A groundbreaking will be scheduled as soon as plans for the new hospital are finalized. Hospital officials and board members are reviewing all options to provide the best future use for the current facility.

The \$250,000 pledge by H-E-B comes as the company re-opens its Kerrville store on 100 Main Street, just six blocks from the location where H-E-B's first store opened in 1905. The multi-million dollar remodeling project produced an H-E-B store filled with new products and services designed with Kerrville customers in mind. Among its most innovative services, H-E-B is opening "Eatery on Main," a "Cooking Connection," a new "Cook N Grill" section, a full-service sushi bar and 1,200 specialty items that originated from H-E-B's Central Market stores.

About Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital

Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital is an independent, non-profit community hospital that opened its doors in 1949 as tribute from brothers Hal and Charlie Peterson to their father Sid. During its six decades of operation, the hospital has provided top-quality medical care to Hill Country residents and stands as the largest hospital on the I-10 corridor from San Antonio to El Paso. For more information on SPMH, please visit www.spmh.com.

About H-E-B

For 100 years, H-E-B has been an innovative retailer. Known for its fresh food, quality products and convenient services, H-E-B strives to provide the best customer experience at the lowest prices. Based in San Antonio, H-E-B proudly employs more than 56,000 Partners (including more than 260 Partners in Kerrville) and serves millions of customers in more than 150 communities throughout Texas and Mexico. For more information about H-E-B and its Centennial Celebration, please visit www.heb.com.