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# SANTA CRUZ HOSPITAL

## Architects Continue Plans for New Hospital

Hunton-Brady Architects are moving forward with the design plans for Carondelet Santa Cruz Hospital. Over the last couple of months they've been meeting with employees, managers, and physicians at Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital to learn the unique challenges faced in providing healthcare in a small, rural community such as Santa Cruz County.

Front views of the hospital, emergency department, and women's center are included on both sides of this newsletter, as well as the latest floor plans.

"We're going to go through numerous iterations of a new hospital before settling on the final building plans. The key thing for a new hospital is efficiency – when you are paid only about 38 cents on the dollar of what you bill, efficiency is really the key to keeping the doors open," said Richard Polheber, President/CEO of Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital.

As the plans progress, the design work will be more and more detailed, looking for final construction documentation in early 2007.



## Capital Campaign Approaches \$1,400,000

The "Building Quality Care Close to Home" capital campaign to build the new Carondelet Santa Cruz Hospital has now surpassed \$1,350,000 on its way toward its goal of \$3,000,000.

"We've only been actively raising funds since early this year, and already we've attracted support totaling over

\$1,350,000 ... from less than 50 donors plus our employees. People have made gift intentions of \$150,000, \$100,000, and several at \$50,000 – plus a host of smaller, but equally important gifts of \$10,000 to \$25,000," said Bill Stout, capital campaign cabinet chairperson.

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## Capital Campaign Approaches \$1,400,000 - continued

"It's incredibly rewarding to see people respond to this effort," said Richard Polheber, President/CEO of Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital. "By and large, it's been a joy to talk to leaders in the community, answer their questions, and seek their support. The response has almost always been positive.

The capital campaign is methodically

working its way through a targeted list of over 250 potential donors.

"We want to do this right. That requires us to meet with and discuss with potential donors the real reasons for the new hospital, and what a difference it'll make in the community," said Dina Sanchez, member of the capital campaign cabinet.

## City Agreement in Final Stages

Besides "when will you break ground?", the second most asked question is "is everything going according to plan with the city?"

The short answer is "yes".

"It's a complicated deal involving the land donors, the hospital, and the city and multiple written agreements. Even with the passage of the city sales tax increase, other factors play a role in the bond issue and the interest rates that will be paid in repaying those bonds," said Richard Polheber who is working with city officials, attorneys and others to put the final touches on the agreements.

"Everyone's interests, including the citizens of Nogales, AZ need to be protected. While we'd love the process to "just be done", we know in the long-run a well-written agreement will help us move more quickly into building the hospital," said Polheber.

"Issues that affect the new hospital include everything from bringing public utilities to the site to what else should/could be built around the hospital," said Polheber. "It's not a simple procedure but all the parties are working diligently to get the definitive agreements completed."

