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ALCOA FOUNDATION DONATES \$25,000 TO HACKLEY HOSPITAL'S EMERGENCY CENTER

(Whitehall, MI) - Alcoa Howmet Castings through a grant from the Alcoa Foundation recently awarded \$25,000 to Hackley Hospital for the purchase of ultrasound equipment for the new Thomas and Alice Benton Emergency Center.

Amy L.H. Heisser, Director of Human Resources at Howmet, states, "Alcoa is proud to make financial commitments in our communities which enhance the overall quality of life for all residents. Supporting state-of-the-art emergency care will benefit everyone for generations to come."

The use of ultrasound in an emergency setting enhances physicians' ability to assess patients' injuries in a timely and accurate manner. Ultrasound is often an essential diagnostic tool when caring for patients suffering from severe trauma.

States **Gordon Mudler**, CEO/President of Hackley Health, "Alcoa's generous support of Hackley's new Emergency Center helps provide life-saving technology which is so important in the field of emergency medicine. Hackley Hospital is grateful for Alcoa's remarkable leadership in this community."

The 26,500 square foot Thomas and Alice Benton Emergency Center opened in July 2004. The center can accommodate 76,000 annual patient visits. Features include two dedicated trauma bays, ten critical care rooms, thirty-two treatment beds, five specialty care treatment care rooms dedicated to GYN and behavioral health, a digital radiographic imaging suite, a Toshiba Aquilion high-speed, multi-slice CT scanner, and a specialized HAZMAT and biological decontamination unit.

The capital campaign under the leadership of H. Richard Morgenstern has raised more than \$2.7 million to date for the Thomas and Alice Benton Emergency Center. The campaign's original goal was \$2 million. More than 350 community members, businesses and organizations have contributed.

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