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Citizens Benefit from Auxilian Efforts

Madison, GA -- April 8, 2008 -- Patrons of Morgan Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's Festival of Friends event are providing a clearer image. Literally. Funds raised through the annual evening of entertainment were recently used to purchase a surgical imaging system for the hospital.

Known as a C-Arm, the system allows physicians and surgeons to get a real-time video image of an injured area during a procedure. MMH Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Shane Smith, has already used the system while repairing an elbow and has more procedures scheduled for this week.

"This system has greatly improved our surgical capabilities," said Ruth Nash, MMH Surgical Director. "Procedures that once had to be performed out of the county can now be done locally."

Morgan Memorial's C-Arm, the Ziehm 7000 Exposcope, is a mobile system allowing it to be used not only in the operating room in procedures such as setting fractures with pins, but also in the emergency department with the removal of foreign objects from the body.

The C-Arm is not the first piece of equipment funded by the auxiliary's efforts. Since the inception of the Festival of Friends in 2001, equipment donated to the hospital by the group has included items such as rehabilitation equipment, an arthroscopy package for the surgical tower, a telemetry central station, anesthesia machine and a blood bank refrigerator.

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“We are so fortunate to have such an active and dedicated auxiliary,” said Megan Morris, MMH Director of Development and Public Relations. “I enjoy working with the group immensely and am grateful for the medical improvements that they allow us to provide to the community.”

For more information on the hospital’s auxiliary, individuals should contact Jane Lawton, president, at 706-342-1565 or Megan Morris, MMH auxiliary liaison, at 706-752-2237.

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