



No portion of this article may be reproduced without  
express written permission of Style Publishing Group, LLC.  
©2007 • All rights reserved.



Style Publishing Group  
P.O. Box 1676  
Frisco, Texas 75034  
Phone: 972.335.1181  
Toll Free: 877.781.7067  
Fax: 214.722.2313

E-mail: [info@friscostyle.com](mailto:info@friscostyle.com)  
Web: [www.friscostyle.com](http://www.friscostyle.com)

**Ad Sales: (972) 335-1306**

**TWO YEARS AFTER FRISCO CELEBRATED ITS HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY**, the city's latest milestone, Centennial Medical Center, prepares to open its doors. Community leaders and hospital founders hope that Frisco's first full service hospital will be good medicine for the local economy.

The week of June 7<sup>th</sup> will mark the opening of the 118-bed hospital located on a 40-acre campus at State Highway 121 and Coit Road. Centennial's facilities include an emergency room, intensive care unit, neonatal intensive care unit, medical-surgical unit, four operating rooms, a women's health unit, which includes delivery and postpartum units and two medical office buildings that will provide 72,000 square feet of office space.

The new hospital also boasts full imaging and lab capabilities. State of the art filmless digital radiology systems display images instantly.

"The facility has the latest equipment," said Centennial CEO Lynn Mergen. Mergen believes that Centennial will be a viable asset to the community not just because of closer access to healthcare, but because the hospital will promote customer service as well as patient care.

Centennial's opening hopes to fuel the continuing growth of the Frisco economy. According to Tenet Healthcare Corporation, the parent company of Centennial Medical Center, the initial investment in Centennial is approximately \$125 million. In addition to the actual costs of construction, the increased number of patients traveling to Frisco from surrounding areas could improve business especially in retail, restaurant and gasoline sales. Patronage at area hotels may also increase as a direct result of the medical facility opening.

The hospital will employ approximately 330 employees, many of whom are Frisco residents or from the surrounding area and have been commuting from Frisco to Dallas hospitals says Chief Nursing Officer, Cindy Slaydon. Centennial provides employees with the opportunity to work where they live. The creation of new

jobs will continue the stream of families relocating to Frisco.

Possibly the biggest impact Centennial will offer Frisco is the economic development potential derived from attracting relocating corporations. "When businesses are looking to relocate, they will look for adequate healthcare for their employees," said Mergen. A full service hospital will positively influence their decision to move to Frisco.

According to Slaydon, a convenient hospital is just as important

to people as a good school system. She explains that Centennial will be a draw when individuals choose where to move. A nearby hospital means people, "do not have to travel during a health crisis in their lives," Slaydon said.

Centennial plans to be an active member of the community. It has already joined the Chamber of Commerce and according to Mergen, "Centennial plans to be a good corporate sponsor." The hospital has a record of supporting Frisco Family Services and school PTA events. Centennial intends to expand their array of services offered to the community after identifying what needs they can best meet, Mergen said. Expanded services may include orthopedics, involvement in community events and



*Centennial Medical Center's CEO Lynn Mergen photo courtesy of Centennial Medical Center*

# centennial medical center: good medicine for the local economy

by sarah farris

providing special guest speakers on a variety of topics.

Tenet is currently undergoing restructuring and the executive offices are being moved to Dallas. "Tenet is dedicated to Dallas and to this hospital," said Mergen.

When Centennial Medical Center opens its doors, it will be come part of the Frisco family and will serve the members of the community, as well as contribute to the improvement of the economy, job market and marketability of the city.

*Sarah Farris is an intern with Frisco STYLE Magazine. She is a senior at Baylor University pursuing a dual degree in Business and Telecommunications.*