

Jackson Heart Clinic coming to Flowood

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FLOWOOD- Officials gathered September 7 for a groundbreaking ceremony that marked the launch of construction for a Jackson Heart Clinic facility on the aptly-named Medical Parkway in Flowood.

Physicians, city and county officials, representatives of the Benson Companies construction firm and Holomon Architects gathered at the site where the sprawling new facility will be located, at the intersection of the Medical Parkway and High-

way 468.

"The Good Lord has controlled this city for several years, and we always give Him the glory and the honor," Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads said in his opening remarks. "I think that the Good Lord is not always going to be the divine healer, but he uses people like these who will work at this clinic to do His will."

Jackson Heart is currently located in Dominican Plaza in Jackson, in Madison, Brookhaven and Kosciusko, and operates a smaller clinic at 205 Belle Meade Pointe in Flowood.

The new facility on the Medical Parkway will dwarf the size of the existing clinic in Flowood and will offer the

full array of cardiovascular care, including surgery.

"Several years ago, we started having this (Medical Parkway) vision," Dr. Clay Hays of Jackson Heart said. "We talked about what we could do for this community and how important it was to make sure we provided good medical care, because that's what we're all about; that's our mission."

"Over the years, since 1973, we've had the opportunity to take care of patients throughout the central Mississippi area," he said. "Our mission is to provide the greatest cardiovascular care possible. Right now, we have 120 employees at Jackson Heart, and we want to continue to expand."

"It's not like we're leaving Jackson. We're going to keep that office, and expand our operation out here in Rankin County, and we'll certainly have our offices in Madison and in Brookhaven. We want to continue to develop this community so that we can take care of patients that have heart disease, and also their families."

"I appreciate these doctors, and I appreciate Dr. Hays and all of your staff and all of your colleagues that are coming with you to make this a first class operation," Mayor Rhoads said. "Thank you for choosing Flowood. I'm here to pray that God blesses this (facility) as you have blessed His people."



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