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**Cotton-O'Neil Clinic Opens Immediate Care Clinic in Osage City**

(Topeka, Kan., June 19, 2009) – Cotton-O'Neil Clinic, a division of Stormont-Vail HealthCare, announces they have opened a weekend immediate care clinic for minor acute illnesses and injuries in Osage City. Doctors began treating patients at Cotton-O'Neil ExpressCare on Saturday, June 13. The immediate care clinic is located inside the Cotton-O'Neil Clinic in Osage City, which is located at 131 W. Market.

Cotton-O'Neil ExpressCare is open every Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a walk-in clinic for patients of all ages. Appointments are not necessary and patients do not need to have a previous medical history with Cotton-O'Neil Clinic. The clinic was created to reduce waiting time and reduce costs for patients with minor medical emergencies who would typically make a visit to a hospital emergency room or be forced to wait for the next available appointment with their physician.

Family medicine and internal medicine residents from University of Kansas School of Medicine are staffing the immediate care clinic. They treat routine sickness and injuries including stitches, splinting, X-ray, infections of the urinary tract, pregnancy testing and rapid strep screen. Patients with more serious injuries or illnesses such as abdominal pain in women of reproductive years, chest pain, migraine or chronic pain issues or open fractures are required to seek care from a hospital emergency room. "It is great to bring this service into the community for the people of and around Osage County," said Deb Yocum, vice president, Cotton-O'Neil Clinic. "This will make it possible for people to have a quicker response time for any minor medical emergency occurring on the weekend," Yocum added.

Patients utilizing Cotton-O'Neil ExpressCare need only pay their traditional insurance co-pay for a normal office visit. Patients without insurance are asked to pay \$30 at the time of their medical treatment with the balance to be billed later. If patients are unsure about where they should seek care, they can call Stormont-Vail's Health Connections at (785) 354-5225.

This immediate care clinic is made possible through the **Humphreys** Charitable Trust. Lewis H. Humphreys, born in Osage City, Kansas, lived his entire life in Arvonias, Kansas in Osage County and served on the Board of Directors of the Osage City Country Club. Lewis also served on the Stormont-Vail HealthCare Board of Directors, the Stormont-Vail Foundation Board of Trustees and the Stormont-Vail HealthCare Advisory Board. Lewis was in the ranching business all of his life. He married Elva Leonard, also a life-long Arvonias resident, in 1983. Lewis Humphreys died Jan. 19, 2007. Elva Humphreys died July 16, 2008. Their generous support of the community lives on through the Lewis H. Humphreys Charitable Trust. (tm)