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Tennessee Heart Now In Carthage

Carthage, Tenn. — Tennessee Heart has opened a new clinic location in Carthage at the Riverview Regional Medical Center (Building 3) at 107 Healthcare Drive.

Tennessee Heart is based in Cookeville with cardiologists visiting Carthage each week on Thursday to see patients. Patients in the Smith County area now have the convenience of seeing a Cookeville cardiologist closer to home instead of traveling to Cookeville for every visit.

Tennessee Heart cardiologists currently seeing patients in Carthage are Stacy Brewington, M.D., and Matthew Sample, M.D.

Currently staffed with ten cardiologists and one electrophysiologist (heart rhythm specialist), Tennessee Heart originally opened in Cookeville in 1994 and has a patient base consisting of people from counties throughout the Upper Cumberland and southern Kentucky.

Establishing clinics in outlying areas surrounding Cookeville is a natural expansion for the group and for Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

"One of our initiatives in the past couple of years has been to improve access for our patients. To do that, we have focused on the development of new outreach clinics so that we can see our patients where they live rather than them having to drive all the way to Cookeville to see us for an office visit," said Tim Fournet, MD, cardiologist with Tennessee Heart and CRMC. "It's just more convenient for the patient. We're proud to say that we have eight outreach clinics across the Upper Cumberland and southern Kentucky."

In addition to the main office in Cookeville and the clinic in Carthage, Tennessee Heart also has outreach clinics in Sparta, Crossville, Fairfield Glade, Jamestown, Livingston, Celina and Albany, Kentucky.

The physicians at Tennessee Heart are on the medical staff at Cookeville Regional Medical Center and provide services through the Heart and Vascular Center at Cookeville Regional. To contact Tennessee Heart, call 931-881-2039 or 888-352-8031.

About the Heart and Vascular Center at Cookeville Regional

Named one of the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals in the nation by Truven Health Analytics in 2017, the Heart and Vascular Center at Cookeville Regional has provided much needed cardiac and vascular services in the Upper Cumberland. Since its opening, the Center has grown and expanded to include not only comprehensive diagnostic tests and treatments but also interventional procedures such as angioplasty, stent placement, pacemakers, electrophysiology and arrhythmia procedures, implantable cardioverter defibrillator implantation and cardiothoracic surgery (including beating heart, minimally invasive heart surgeries as well as heart valve repair and replacement). Beginning this spring the Heart and Vascular Center is expanding services to provide structural heart procedures, including transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). Some of the most common vascular conditions treated are aortic aneurysm, carotid artery disease and peripheral artery disease.

Boasting a well- trained medical staff specializing in treating heart and vascular conditions, The Heart and Vascular Center at Cookeville Regional is staffed by board certified cardiologists, vascular surgeons, cardiothoracic surgeons and cardiothoracic anesthesiologists who are supported by a team of healthcare professionals who are specifically trained in the field of cardiac and vascular care.