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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Duncan Regional Hospital Announces Opening of Hands on Health**

Duncan Regional Hospital will hold the Grand Opening for its new Hands on Health Interactive Learning Center this Tuesday, September 16, 2008 starting at 10:30am. Hands on Health is designed for students from Kindergarten through 8th grade to explore, interact, and discover key healthcare lessons.

Scott Street, President and CEO of Duncan Regional Hospital, said that "Hands on Health puts health and health careers into the minds of our children. We have a national shortage of healthcare professionals, and we want to help change that."

The Grand Opening ceremony will take place on the Duncan Regional Hospital Campus with many notable local and national guests including Timothy J. Magner, Educational Technology Director for the US Department of Education.

Hands on Health features a wide variety of exhibits including a virtual operating room where children don a mask and gown, wash their hands under a special "germ detector," and then proceed into the operating room where they are guided through a surgery by an interactive video presentation. Other exhibits include a video game race where eating choices will determine how the player will perform in the race, a comparison between a healthy set of lungs and those of a smoker, and what it feels like to ride on a sneeze while sliding out of an oversize nose.

"This is a place for students to experience something entirely new," said Beth Curry, Program Coordinator. "Students will truly have their 'hands on health'."

Hands on Health will host its first student tours on Tuesday, September 23 and expects to have over 5,000 students visit during the coming year. For more information, visit [www.drhshandonhealth.com](http://www.drhshandonhealth.com), or call Beth Curry at (580) 251-6602.

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**\*A broadcast-quality video is available to media outlets upon request\***