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**Broadlawns Foundation Holds Annual Event To Raise Money
for Medical Center**

DES MOINES, Iowa (September 24, 2007) — There's still time to reserve a seat at the annual Broadlawns Medical Center Foundation Fall Gala and help raise funds to support Polk County's community hospital.

Former governor **Terry Branstad and Chris Branstad** are the Honorary Event Chairs for this year's gala. The event will be held **Friday, September 28**, from **6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** at **Hotel Fort Des Moines** (1100 Walnut Street, Des Moines). Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased by calling the Broadlawns Foundation at 515-282-3200 or emailing dwalker@broadlawns.org.

Broadlawns hopes to raise \$125,000 toward the purchase of new medical equipment and to provide medical care for patients who don't have the means to pay for it.

"Broadlawns Medical Center plays a vital role in our community, providing health care to those who have such great needs, as well as training our future health care professionals," said Vincent Mandracchia, DPM, Chief Medical Officer of Broadlawns and Event Chair for the gala. "This event is an opportunity for the community to come together, have a good time with friends and other supporters of the Broadlawns Foundation and feel good about contributing financially to the ongoing need for advanced technology and updated equipment."

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The event includes a silent auction and wine tasting before dinner, and a live auction following dinner. Chris Nehring of St. Charles will provide live auctioneering for items that include a one-week stay in Door County, a custom autographed Iowa Hawkeye football and two basketballs, a weekend in the Dells, fine jewelry, a hot air balloon ride and dinner for eight, hosted by Loretta and Bob Sieman, Pat and Lou Schneider, Therest and Mark Mcgaughey, and Becky and Mark Westberg.

“The money generated by this event will make it possible for the hospital to update some of our aging medical equipment and continue to provide quality care for the uninsured of Polk County,” said **Jody Jenner**, president and C.E.O. of Broadlawns Medical Center. “I urge anyone in the community who believes in the mission of Broadlawns to join us in this fun, important evening.”

About Broadlawns Medical Center

With a history that reaches back to 1903 as a community health center, Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents of Polk County on April 13, 1924. Over the years, Broadlawns has adapted to the changing demands of public health care, yet remained true to its mission of offering quality health services to all Polk County residents and training tomorrow’s health care professionals. Today, Broadlawns Medical Center comprises:

- An acute care community hospital serving medical, surgical, mental health and primary care needs.
- A 60-member physician practice overseeing numerous specialty clinics and outpatient services including and advanced foot and ankle and amputation prevention, dental, family health, pain management and pediatrics.
- A family medicine residency program that graduates physician leaders who are serving 22 of Iowa’s 99 counties and communities across the nation.

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