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### TOWN OF CLINTON HAS NEW PRIMARY CARE FACILITY

CLINTON, April 5, 2003 – A ceremony dedicating the new 3,494 square-foot RKM-Primary Care Clinic was held Saturday at the new clinic on Jackson Street in Clinton, Louisiana. Mrs. Emma Dunn and Dr. Richard K. Munson did the honors of cutting the ribbon for the building.

Mrs. Dunn has been a patient of RKM-Primary Care since 1999—and she is 102 years old. Dr. Munson, known as Dr. “Dick,” is a retired physician for whom the clinic is named. Dr. Dick served the community for 50 years before retiring and allowing the nurse practitioners to set up practice in his old clinic.

“We opened the first RKM-Primary Care Clinic in April 1999—with zero patients. By the end of the first year, about 2,000 patients had received care. Today, we have over 7,000 patients,” shares Ginger Hunt, clinic Executive Director. “Our clinic is the largest Medicaid provider in East Feliciana Parish, and this new, modern facility gives us more room to better serve the needs of our patients.”

Managed by two family nurse practitioners, the new RKM clinic recently expanded to include two more nurse practitioners. In addition, there are four affiliate physicians who provide care and consultations as needed. There are plans for a future expansion to include an adult day care facility, community center, and assisted living center.

USDA Rural Development’s Community Facilities Direct Loan Program funded construction of this valuable health care clinic. “Our Community Facilities Program helps develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas,” shares Michael B. Taylor, Louisiana Rural Development State Director. “If you look at the number of people being served by this clinic, you will see it is already making a positive impact in East Feliciana Parish.” Rural Development provided a direct loan of \$529,200 to Primary Care for a Healthy Feliciana to construct the clinic.

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