

Emergency L.I.F.E. Program;

Henry County Medical Center Joins With Foundation Bank for Life Saving Strategies

PARIS, TN – In our quest to keep our community aware of the impact they can make on their health, Henry County Medical Center in partnership with Foundation Bank has a goal to help people keep life saving information handy for emergencies so that EMS personnel can treat and take care of you in a fast, efficient manner, helping to save your life.

Joni Hofmeyer, Vice President of Marketing at Foundation Bank suggested this partnership after their main office, McKenzie Banking Company in McKenzie, similarly teamed up with McKenzie Hospital's Wellness Center, Rite Aid Drug Store and Edward Jones Investments to offer these services to the senior citizens of their community. A high school student observed first hand the need for this service in his own neighborhood and developed the program in McKenzie.

"When Keith Priestley from the McKenzie office shared the idea of this program with me, we thought it would be a great idea for Foundation Bank and HCMC to partner together to get this important message out to Henry County as well," Hofmeyer said.

You can receive a bright red cling sticker for your front door or window that says "L.I.F.E." (**Lifesaving Information for Emergencies**). In addition, you will be given a heart magnet clip to put on your refrigerator along with a medical information card. The cling sticker will alert emergency personnel of where to find your important medical information inside your home should you become incapacitated and unable to locate everything needed to provide you the best in care.

"We have forms you can fill out naming all your medications, their dosages, your allergies, your doctor's name and phone number, your pharmacy's name, emergency contacts, plus much more," said Tory Daugherty, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at HCMC. "These cards have all the information emergency workers would need right at their fingertips, should you call for their services. The bright red sticker on your front door or window lets them know right where the information is located inside the home. This program is truly a life line for you and your family should you need emergency services."

The program suggests that everyone who has a red sticker on their door will keep their medical information on their refrigerator. The information must be updated every time anything medically changes in your life, but the form could mean saving your life.

Each member of your household should have their record secured to the refrigerator door as well, along with personal photos and copies of insurance cards. Another important item to keep with this information is your advanced health directive or power of attorney for health care. Putting this information in a zip lock bag clipped to the refrigerator could really save your life.

The clings, magnets, and information cards will be available at all HCMC Community Health Screenings and Seminars as well as at Foundation Bank in Paris and Paris Landing.

"We are so pleased to be working with Foundation Bank on this project and glad we are able to provide a safety strategy for our community and region," said Daugherty.

Located in Paris, TN, Henry County Medical Center is a progressive, integrated healthcare organization

committed to serving the healthcare needs of Henry County and the adjoining region. Including a 142-bed hospital and other facilities, the medical center provides a variety of outpatient services, as well as inpatient care. Henry County Medical Center is a county-owned and operated nonprofit institution. For more information: <http://www.hcmc-tn.org>.