

NHC opens to much fanfare, large crowd

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Administrator Jaine Colley welcomed visitors to the new National HealthCare Corporation (NHC) rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility at 1321 Cedar Lane Thursday night as many in the community took their first look inside.

Visitors were allowed to take self-guided tours to familiarize themselves with NHC Tullahoma's \$11 million state-of-the-art care center.

Throughout the 62,000-square-foot facility, visitors were treated to a "culinary extravaganza" prepared by NCH chefs and dining partners.

During an earlier tour of the facility, Colley spoke of the variety of room configurations in the rehabilitation wing. "We offer private rooms with a private bathroom, but semi-private rooms and companion suites are also available."

Companion rooms, large rooms divided by a partition, "are the way of the future," said Colley. "People in long-term care want privacy, but they don't want to be lonely. They like to know there is someone on the other side."

Companion rooms also allow couples that may require different levels of care to remain close.



Among those who attended an open house for the new 90-bed National Health Care facility on Cedar Lane are, from left, Mike Ussery, NHC's chief operating officer; Robert Adams, NHC chief executive officer; Jaine Colley, administrator of the facility; state Sen. Janice Bowling; Russ Spray, Harton Regional Medical Center CEO; Gerald Coggin, NHC executive vice president, and Greg Bidwell, NHC regional vice president.

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According to Colley, the 90-bed facility is the first NHC center to be built in Tennessee since Adams Place Independent Living Facility (where Colley was executive director) opened in Murfreesboro in 1998.

“Tennessee-based Carl Adams founded NHC Healthcare in 1971,” said Colley. “It is now a leading long-term care provider in the United States.”

More than 150 locations in 10 states operate under the NHC Healthcare umbrella, according to Colley.

NHC Tullahoma services include rehabilitation, sub-acute and skilled nursing care, traditional, respite, comfort, hospice and wound care.

“NHC Healthcare has a long history of providing excellent customer service and quality care for our patients,” said Colley.

To learn more about room options and services provided call 222-4207 or visit www.nhctullahoma.com.