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Magnolia Speech School Launches Public Phase of Capital Campaign

JACKSON, MS - October 22, 2021 - Today, staff, donors, volunteers, and community partners gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new facility for Magnolia Speech School. Magnolia Speech School announced the public phase of its "Building Hope" Campaign on October 1, 2021, and has spent the last two years planning and fundraising to raise 80% of the funds. The board enlisted the services of the local firm Dean and Dean/Associates Architects along with Mackey Mitchell Architects, renowned for their work creating educational spaces for children with language and learning disabilities. The city of Madison including the Madison county Board Supervisors has approved the architectural design and extends a warm welcome to the neighborhood.

This new facility will integrate construction materials along with educational and therapeutic technology specifically designed to accommodate the needs of children with hearing loss and communication disorders. The facilities will include an expanded clinic for outpatient services. The project will transition the current location from 733 Flag Chapel Road in Jackson to 414 Bozeman Road in Madison. "We are thrilled to establish the new school in Madison. This location makes us more accessible to families and makes our work more visible in the community. The new school allows us to offer updated resources and technology to students and families who need our specialized and unique instruction." says Executive Director, Valerie Linn.

The Building Hope campaign marked the start of the public phase of the campaign. Contributions can be made through pledges, online, or cash gifts. Funds raised will support the construction of the new school and the purchase of materials that will provide essential new learning spaces.

The 30,000 square-foot building will be tailored to accommodate the learning and social needs of children with hearing loss and communication disorders. Advanced technology will be integrated throughout the new school. Brasfield & Gorrie's Jackson office is managing construction. The general contractor has completed numerous projects in the state, including the Kathy and Joe Sanderson Tower at Children's of Mississippi and the Jackson Preparatory School junior high renovation.



“Brasfield & Gorrie believes in building strong communities, and we are thrilled to build this facility that will serve local families and those who relocate from around the country to attend this specialized school,” says Brasfield & Gorrie Vice President and Division Manager Ryan Springer.

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Established in 1956, Magnolia Speech School has impacted thousands of students and families from every county in Mississippi and as far away as Alaska and Pennsylvania. When families come to Magnolia Speech School, the emphasis is on closing the communicative gap so that they may transition into a more traditional school. As a result, barriers imposed by deafness and language impairments can frequently be overcome, proving that every child has the right to hear, listen, speak and thrive in life.