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**Phoebe Sumter Medical Center Named 2024’s**

**Most Beautiful Hospital in the U.S. by Soliant Health**

**Americus, GA** - Phoebe Sumter Medical Center has once again been honored with the title of the Most Beautiful Hospital in the United States by Soliant Health, marking its second time receiving this prestigious recognition. The hospital first earned the distinction in 2015, and the 2024 award reaffirms its ongoing commitment to creating an environment that promotes healing, comfort and community wellbeing. Soliant's annual Most Beautiful Hospitals contest recognizes hospitals across the nation that excel in creating aesthetically pleasing and welcoming spaces for patients, visitors and staff. This year, Phoebe Sumter topped the list, praised for its integration of natural elements, thoughtful design and dedication to fostering a tranquil atmosphere. More than 80 hospitals were nominated in this year's Most Beautiful Hospitals Contest, and online voters cast more than 1.44 million votes. Phoebe Sumter emerged as the clear winner with more than 347,000 votes.

 After Sumter Regional Hospital was destroyed by a tornado in 2007, Phoebe partnered with the Americus and Sumter County Hospital Authority to build a new hospital and medical center complex on a 40-acre site at the intersection of U.S. Highways 19 and 280.

"We are incredibly honored to receive this recognition for the second time," said Carlyle Walton, Phoebe Sumter CEO. "Winning this title in 2015 was a testament to our organization's vision and being recognized again in 2024 is a true affirmation of our continued commitment to providing a healing environment that complements our high-quality medical care."

Phoebe Sumter's 76-bed hospital boasts abundant natural lighting and all-private patient rooms. The campus also features three buildings that house medical clinics surrounding a beautiful central courtyard.  Since first winning the title nine years ago, Phoebe Sumter has also added a public walking trail through a natural woodsy setting on the property. These features, along with strong patient satisfaction scores, exemplify the hospital's commitment to a holistic healing environment.

   "We are thrilled to recognize Phoebe Sumter Medical Center as the nation's most beautiful hospital this year. This accolade celebrates not only the stunning architecture and thoughtful design but also the dedication of the staff who create a healing environment filled with compassion and care. At Soliant, we believe that a beautiful hospital can significantly enhance the patient experience, and Phoebe Sumter Medical Center exemplifies this ideal with its unique blend of aesthetic beauty and heartfelt service," said Soliant Health CEO David Alexander.

  "The beauty of our hospital goes beyond its physical appearance. It's about creating a space where patients and their families feel supported and cared for. Our team takes great pride in maintaining an environment that not only meets the highest standards of medical care but also promotes overall wellbeing," said Walton.

**Congratulations to the volunteers at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center for your part in attaining this prestigious award. Also, congratulations to two other Council member hospitals who were nominated and named in the top 20—Upson Regional in Thomaston and Northside Cherokee in Canton.**