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For National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Woman's Hospital remains committed to providing women with access to expert, specialized care

BATON ROUGE, La- During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Woman's Hospital is reminding Louisianans of the expert care and premier treatment it provides at its Breast & GYN Cancer Pavilion. This unique facility allows women to receive state-of-the-art breast and gynecologic cancer care from diagnosis through survivorship.

Louisiana has the third highest breast cancer death rate in the country. This year, about 4,000 women in Louisiana have already been diagnosed with breast cancer. In an effort to combat this cancer's devastating impact, Woman's Hospital, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, and Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Institute joined together to create the Cancer Pavilion.

Since its inception in 2018, the Cancer Pavilion has treated patients from 15 different states, provided more than 164,700 services, and offered 35 clinical trials to patients as of May 2021.

"This facility is the only one of its kind in the country," said Breast & GYN Cancer Pavilion Executive Director Cynthia Rabalais. "We are committed to continually giving women throughout the region access to the most advanced, comprehensive, and specialized care from trusted local organizations"

The Cancer Pavilion, located on the Baton Rouge Woman's Hospital campus at 500 Rue de la Vie, offers numerous <u>services</u>, such as chemotherapy, radiation oncology, <u>clinical trials</u>, life-saving surgery, support services, and survivorship programs. It also presents a relaxing atmosphere to ensure that patients feel relaxed and comfortable. <u>Some features</u> of the facility include:

- → Exercise therapy
- → Massage therapy

- → Pet therapy
- → Healing arts (such as music and crafting)
- → Healthy cooking demonstrations
- → Integrative medicine (such as relaxation and meditation)
- → Private chemotherapy rooms
- → A family-friendly waiting area
- → A beautiful garden atrium

"From the moment I entered the doors, I knew this was exactly where I was meant to be," said patient Julie Henderson. "The doctors and nurses were so kind to me and they always made sure I had everything I needed. All I needed to do was focus on getting better."

For more information, call 225-215-7600, visit <u>breastandgyncancer.org</u>, or email webmaster@womans.org.

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About Woman's Hospital:

Woman's Hospital, a private nonprofit organization, has been improving the health of women and infants since 1968. Since opening, Woman's Hospital has welcomed more than 350,000 babies, making it one of the largest delivery services in the country and the largest in Louisiana. Woman's Hospital has been recognized numerous times on Newsweek's list of World's Best Hospitals and is noted for its expertise in mammography as well as breast and gynecologic cancer care. To learn more, visit www.womans.org.