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The Latest Cancer Technology Comes to Lufkin

LUFKIN, TEXAS (January 31, 2007)... What began as a small oncology clinic almost thirty years ago is today a nationally recognized center for cancer treatment. Recently, the Arthur Temple Sr., Regional Cancer Center hosted a public open house to showcase a new \$7 million dollar expansion and equipment upgrade. The facility is home to some impressive equipment, which includes the latest in cancer technology

According to the center's medical director, Dr. Sid Roberts, patients can receive some of the best treatment close to home. He points to the state-of-the-art technology that is housed within the center, including Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), the only permanent PET/CT scanning in the area, fusing of PET/CT and MRI images for treatment planning, Anatom-e System, CT-based simulation and two Siemens Oncor Multileaf Collimator Linear Accelerators.

"We are pleased to offer our patients the best in cancer care. Thanks to this latest technology we are able plan radiation treatment more accurately with fewer side effects. This means that we focus radiation exactly on the area in need of treatment," said Dr. Roberts.

According to Memorial Health System of East Texas Chief Executive Officer, Bryant Krenek, the renovations to the center were made possible by the T.L.L. Temple Foundation. "Additionally, this generous donation (among others made by the T.L.L. Temple Foundation, local industries, and individual donors) allows us to treat all cancer patients despite their ability to pay for such services," said Krenek. "The vision that was shared among the hospital's local founders in 1949 continues to hold true today—to offer quality and affordable health care to all East Texans."

Guests attending the Open House ceremonies had the opportunity to tour the cancer center and learn more about the technology being offered to area patients. Additionally, the public was treated to a light dinner and dessert.

The Arthur Temple Sr., Regional Cancer Center is the only facility in the area to be recognized for clinical excellence by the American College of Surgeons, ranking in the nation's top 25% of all cancer centers in the country.

About Memorial Health System of East Texas

Memorial Health System of East Texas is a private, not-for-profit hospital with special programs in heart care, women's care, cancer care, seniors' services, diabetes care, surgery, and emergency services. For over fifty years, Memorial Health System of East Texas has served Angelina County and surrounding areas, providing state-of-the-art care in an environment that promotes comfort and healing.