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Baptist Health Care Opens Newly Renovated Infusion & Radiation Center at Baptist Cancer Institute

Pensacola, Fla. (April 5, 2018) – The newly renovated Infusion & Radiation Center at the Baptist Cancer Institute's Kugelman Cancer Center will start seeing patients on April 16. In January 2016, the Baptist Health Care Foundation received a \$100,000 contribution from Quint and Rishy Studer. The gift, along with a gift from the Suzi Beane family, proceeds from the Baptist Health Care Foundation's Casino Royale and Women's Board Stepping Out In Style fundraisers, were used to expand the Infusion Center to more conveniently serve patients.

"This project is now complete thanks to the caring hearts and generosity of our valued community members," says KC Gartman, executive director, Baptist Health Care Foundation. "We appreciate that the expansion of this facility provides a calm space for our patients to find rest and relaxation during a difficult season of life."

The Baptist Infusion & Radiation Center facilitates infusion services for a wide variety of specialties other than oncology chemotherapy (i.e., cardiology, antibiotic, rheumatology, osteoporosis and gastrointestinal). The project helped to separate chemotherapy infusions, allowing for more space and convenience in patient treatment areas.

The Studer's contribution provided furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new area located on the ground floor of Baptist Medical Tower 3. New infusion chairs, an additional family member chair and a TV for each chemotherapy treatment bay were purchased in order to provide a comforting and peaceful experience for patients and their family members.

"Fighting cancer is hard enough," says Bryan Taylor, director of general surgery, gastroenterology and oncology service lines Baptist Health Care. "Our patients deserve a place to receive therapy without distraction. We are confident that this space will benefit the overall well-being of those patients and their families walking alongside them in their journey."

The newly renovated Infusion & Radiation Center also includes a pharmacy to support the education of patients and staff as well as improve the overall safety and quality of the experience.

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About Baptist Health Care

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