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## **Baptist Health Care Receives Donation to Expand Infusion Center at Baptist Cancer Institute**

Pensacola, Fla. (Jan. 30, 2016) – The Baptist Health Care Foundation received a \$100,000 contribution from Quint and Rishy Studer. The gift will be used to expand the Infusion Center at the Baptist Cancer Institute.

"We are thrilled to be able to support the renovation and expansion of Baptist's Infusion Center," says Rishy Studer. "It is our hope that the new infusion center will help make a very difficult time in a patient and family's life a bit more private and comfortable."

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

The project is expected to be completed late summer 2017. The Studer's contribution will provide 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, along with individual adjustable accent lighting for each bay will be purchased in order to provide a comforting and peaceful experience for patients and their family members.

"The Baptist Cancer Institute is very excited to support the growth of our Oncology program with a new chemotherapy infusion department," says Bryan Taylor, director of general surgery/oncology service lines, Baptist Health Care. "Fighting cancer is hard enough. Our patients deserve a place that promotes an experience that gives them the best chance to do just that. Creating a calm, relaxing environment to receive therapy, which promotes the overall well-being of the patient is what we aim to achieve."

The newly renovated Infusion Center will also include 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

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization committed to improving the quality of life for people and communities in northwest Florida and south Alabama. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic

Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, two medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center, Baptist Medical Group and Baptist Heart & Vascular Institute. With more than 6,500 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida. For more information, please visit www.eBaptistHealthCare.org.

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