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Children's Hospital Breaks Ground on New Facility

Elected Officials join patients and doctors to celebrate new construction

(NEW ORLEANS) – Jan. 11, 2017 – Children's Hospital broke ground today for its campus expansion and property renovation. The \$225 million expansion will allow Children's Hospital to continue and enhance the delivery of specialty pediatric care. Construction will take place in three phases, the first and last phases lasting approximately 12 - 18 months and the middle phase taking longer at 24-28 months.

The celebration included speakers New Orleans Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu, Louisiana State Senator Conrad Appel, Louisiana State Representative Neil C. Abramson, Speaker Pro Tempore Walter J. Leger, III, , Councilmember Susan Guidry, CEO and President of Children's Hospital Mary Perrin, LCMC Health CEO Gregory C. Feirn, LCMC Health Board Chairman William Mimeles and President of the Children's Hospital Board Elwood Cahill.

"Today is an exciting sign of progress in this historic New Orleans neighborhood," remarked Mayor Landrieu. "Children's Hospital plays such a rich part in our community, and we couldn't be happier to support their initiative in making New Orleans a stronger, healthier place for our families and children."

Following remarks, hospital representatives, patient families and local dignitaries all took their turn at digging with their golden shovels as the crowd applauded in celebration of the hospital's new beginning. This project represents the largest expansion and renovation in 61 years for Children's Hospital, which was founded in 1955.

"This project is a dream in the making for our physicians, employees, patients and community," noted Mary Perrin, CEO and President of Children's Hospital. "We've worked with our physicians and the families we serve to identify the services and amenities that will improve the delivery of and access to pediatric care. This will help us meet the needs of our community of patients and their families, and to care for each child as our own."

The new campus will feature substantial improvements, including: new emergency department, inpatient radiology department, surgical services department, same day surgery unit with all private rooms, Cardiac Intensive Care Unit and Neonatal Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU/CNICU), cancer center of excellence with inpatient and outpatient services together, 400 car garage with direct and easy walkway to inpatient and outpatient services and, and front door and lobby experience.

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About Children's Hospital New Orleans

Children's Hospital is a 247-bed, not-for-profit regional medical center offering the most advanced pediatric care to children from birth to 21 years. With more than 400 physicians trained in more than 40 subspecialties, it is the only full-service hospital exclusively for children in Louisiana and the Gulf South.