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THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF TEXAS UNVEILS WEST TOWER

New Addition Part of \$75 Million Expansion

HOUSTON, February 9, 2009 — The Woman's Hospital of Texas (Woman's) dedicated its new West Tower with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The West Tower is part of the hospital's \$75 million expansion that adds 145,000 square feet and 92 additional licensed beds. Final renovations include new lab space and upgrades in the labor and delivery unit expected to be completed in fall 2009. The new expansion will enable physicians to deliver 11,000 babies annually, a goal that increases current deliveries by more than 20 percent.

The West Tower is home to additional facilities for antepartum, postpartum, cesarean section and neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) level II. The Woman's Hospital of Texas is renowned for its innovation in caring for its tiniest patients, particularly micropremies weighing less than 1500 grams.

"We are proud of our state-of-the-art facility and the fact that we will now be able to provide exceptional care for more moms and babies in our community," said Linda Russell, CEO. "From minimally invasive surgery and urogynecology to regular obstetrics and high risk pregnancies, we are committed to the whole woman and her choice in healthcare."

According to Russell, the goals of the new facility are to increase patient capacity while anticipating future trends in healthcare for women. The West Tower design reflects the expectations of women who are choosing their healthcare team based on aesthetics and comfort as well as expertise and reputation.

"Continuum of care is essential in our expansion," said Jennifer Garza, COO. "Our critical areas are all located adjacent to one another ensuring mothers and babies have access to the care they need right away. Plus, we provide our patients with state-of-the-art technology such as bedside charting and access to wireless internet all in a pleasing, calming environment."

Antepartum, labor and delivery, and dedicated operating suites for cesarean sections are on the same floor at Woman's to provide quick-response treatment for our pregnant patients. Stabilization units and the hospital's NICU are also adjacent to these units to provide critically ill infants immediate care.

The updated facility addresses the patients' and their families' desire for a comfortable environment by incorporating a warm color palette, natural light and home-like furnishings. The hallways are easy to navigate and way-finding is made simple with clear, directional signage.

The Woman's Hospital of Texas West Tower opens to the public on February 16, 2009.

About the Woman's Hospital of Texas

Established in 1976, The Woman's Hospital of Texas (Woman's) is a nationally recognized, specialty hospital in the Houston area dedicated exclusively to the care of women and infants. Woman's staff, including cutting-edge Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and one-on-one labor and delivery nurses, are dedicated to excellent, personalized service and education. Woman's helps women at every stage of life get well and stay healthy. Since 2007, U.S. News & World Report ranked Woman's in their top 50 hospitals nationwide for gynecologic care. The Woman's Hospital of Texas. Every Woman. Every Baby. www.womanshospital.com