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Woodland Heights Getting a New Look

LUFKIN, TX (January 19, 2006) – If you have driven by Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin lately you’ve probably noticed the tall scaffolds, construction trailers, and yards of building material. It’s all part of the hospital’s ongoing commitment to quality. According to Woodland Height’s Chief Operating Officer, Brad Holland, the multi-phase project began the end of December and is expected to be completed by the end of 2006. “We are extremely excited about this project and what it will mean for our patients and guests.”

What does it mean for future patients and visitors? According to Holland, all patient rooms on the second and third floors will be completely updated to include new flooring, ceiling tiles, fixtures, and wall coverings. All of the hospital’s rooms will be private and they will accommodate beautiful new furnishings, including new state-of-the-art patient beds and equipment. Additionally, patients will enjoy watching their favorite programs and movies on new flat screen televisions. “This is just the beginning of what changes the hospital will see within 2006. The exterior of the hospital also will take on a new facade, which includes the construction of a large main entrance.”

One of the construction focal points at this time centers on Woodland Heights’ Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit with a new nurses’ station, activity rooms, and additional patient rooms being built. Earlier this week, work began on the hospital’s Gaslight entrance. This entrance has been fenced off and visitors are asked to park and enter the hospital through the main entrance off Loop 287. A new helipad, which will accommodate the hospital’s air ambulance service, also is under construction.

Another area of construction can be seen on the hospital’s second floor in the Women’s Center where new birthing suites are being constructed, complete with wood furnishings, flat screen televisions, and the latest technology.

“Our focus is not on the size of our facility, but on the quality that we deliver. It is our mission to deliver exceptional care in the most advanced setting.” Said Holland.

As the construction continues at Woodland Heights, signs are being placed throughout the property instructing patients and visitors as to where they need to park and enter the hospital. Employees have been asked not to park close to the facility so the spaces closest to the hospital

are left open for our guests. “While we are excited about the changes that we are experiencing at Woodland Heights, we realize that there will be some inconveniences as a result of the hospital construction. We ask that our patients and visitors “pardon our progress” as we work through the renovation process.”

About Woodland Heights Medical Center

Established in 1918, Woodland Heights Medical Center was Lufkin’s first hospital. Now, almost nine decades later, Woodland Heights is recognized throughout Deep East Texas as the leading provider of high quality, innovative health care services. Recognized for its continued excellence in cardiac care, Woodland Heights is a five star rated hospital for the treatment of heart failure. * Additionally, Woodland Heights is ranked in the nation’s top five percent for pulmonary and gastrointestinal care. * Accommodating a wide range of clinical specialties, Woodland Heights has achieved excellence in other key medical and surgical areas including neurology, orthopedic surgery, physical medicine/rehabilitation, vascular surgery and obstetrics and gynecology. Woodland Heights also offers a full range of outpatient diagnostic services including advanced imaging, laboratory, outpatient surgery and emergency services. Through its Rehabilitation Center, Woodland Heights offers cardiac rehabilitation, stroke recovery and physical and occupational rehabilitation. Combining modern facilities, leading technology, an exceptional staff and a commitment to the communities it serves, Woodland Heights Medical Center remains at the forefront of quality health care in Deep East Texas.

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