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**Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois and HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital Open
New Cancer Care Center of O'Fallon**

Planning for future community open house, date to be determined

(O'FALLON, IL) – On Monday, April 20, HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois (CCSI) opened the doors and welcomed patients into the newly built Cancer Care Center of O'Fallon. It will offer comprehensive cancer services to patients in the metro east region.

The 31,000 square foot cancer care center, located at 321 Regency Park in O'Fallon, was constructed by Green Mount Enterprises, LLC, with space being leased to both St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois.

Services and features of the new center include:

- Radiation Oncology Services
- Medical Oncology and Hematology Services
- Research and Clinical Trials (affiliations with National Cancer Institute, University of Chicago, NSABP Foundation, pharmaceutical industry, and more)

- Diagnostic, Consultation & Follow Up Services
- Cancer Screenings, Cancer Prevention & Wellness Programs
- Education & Support
- Genetic Testing & Counseling
- Imaging (Bone Densitometry, CT, PET)
- Laboratory
- Chemotherapy, Infusion Therapy & Immunotherapy
- Radiation Linear Accelerator & CT-simulator
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
- Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS)
- Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT)

St. Elizabeth's Hospital President and CEO Patti Fischer stated, "St. Elizabeth's is honored to partner with CCSI in bringing needed health care services to patients in our region. Our radiation oncology services are an extension of our Mission to deliver high-quality Franciscan health care. The facility will allow cancer patients the opportunity to receive innovative and advanced radiation and medical oncology treatments in a location that keeps them close to home where family and friends can support them during this difficult time in their lives."

"We of Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois are excited about the opening of the new Cancer Care Center of O'Fallon. We believe that this facility will improve access to the most up-to-date cancer treatments as well as enhance the availability of tomorrow's treatments through the availability of National Cancer Institute and industry funded cancer research," said Justin Floyd DO FACOI, President Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois. "Additionally, partnering with HSHS St. Elizabeth's has allowed us to facilitate this multidisciplinary care in a single location, further reducing barriers and burdens on cancer patients. This opening comes at a time of an

unparalleled health crisis. In an attempt to promote patient safety and reduce potential hospital cancer related admissions during the COVID-19 crisis, we are caring for our active cancer patients in the new center while implementing infection control screening procedures, actively using telemedicine, and reducing patient and non-patient traffic through the facility.”

Fischer added, “We are excited to collaborate with Cancer Care Specialists to offer the area this new advanced, spacious and comfortable facility. The prevalence of the COVID-19 virus has caused the delay in our joint plans to conduct a grand opening for the community, but the safety of our patients, colleagues, providers and community is our No. 1 priority.” She said a public event may be planned in the future so area residents can see what an asset this facility is for the region’s health care.

St. Elizabeth’s is the only American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer designated cancer program in the service area of southwestern Illinois. “This comprehensive and multidisciplinary patient-centered recognition, coupled with the advanced radiation oncology services offered in the new center, brings innovative treatment and experienced cancer specialists to the community,” Fischer added.

The clinic will benefit patients from across the region, especially those from smaller communities served by St. Elizabeth’s sister hospitals of St. Joseph’s in Highland, St. Joseph’s in Breese and Holy Family in Greenville.

The President of Green Mount Enterprises, Mark Walshauser, M.D., FACP states, “The new Cancer Care Center of O’Fallon was built around the cancer patient’s experience. The building is one-story, ground level high, so patients never have to transverse stairs. To further allow ease of use, direct entrances are available to both the radiation and chemotherapy treatment areas. With highway 64 access minutes from the Cancer Center, patients in surrounding communities now have better access to their doctors and treatment. Being located adjacent to St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, patients in need of extended services such as ultrasound and MRI have everything they need close by.

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About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Beeze, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries. For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org. For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit www.hospitalsisters.org.

About Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois

Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois (CCSI) is an interdisciplinary group of 19 physicians and two midlevel practitioners dedicated to providing quality medical oncology, hematology, radiation oncology and urologic oncology services. CCSI's excellent team of physicians and staff provide award winning, personalized care – close to home at 21 locations in central and southern Illinois, including St. Louis Metro East. CCSI is an Oncology Care Model (OCM) practice and participates in the American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI) program. CCSI is affiliated with several National Cancer Institute-supported research organizations which provide advanced research and treatment opportunities. CCSI has twice been awarded the Clinical Trials Participation Award by the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a rare distinction recognizing research and quality excellence achieved by only a few practices nationwide. In addition, the National Cancer Institute has granted more than 15 individual awards for research excellence to CCSI physicians, a recognition not achieved by any other practice in Southern Illinois. For more information, visit www.CancerCareSpecialists.org (Twitter @CancerCareIL, Facebook.com/ccsci).