

A MESSAGE FROM MARK FAULKNER

On October 30, 1949, our founders broke ground to build Baptist Hospital with the purpose of bringing more modern health care to our community. Exactly 71 years from that date – October 30, 2020 – we again broke ground for our new main hospital and health campus at the corner of Brent Lane and I-110. Continuing our founders' bold vision and legacy, Baptist is making this investment to transform care in our community and improve the quality of life for generations to come. Nothing of its kind has been imagined or currently exists in our area. Our new campus is the single largest investment in health care facilities, services and programs in Northwest Florida's history and is a result of our legacy of putting people first with a goal of dramatically advancing health care access, experiences and outcomes for everyone in our community.

Like those we serve, our community, and our world, we have experienced many challenges in 2020. These challenges have confirmed the critical role Baptist plays in stepping up to serve our community at all times and especially when we are needed most. Our investment in this new campus and all of our facilities affirms our commitment to this region for the next 71 years and beyond. This new campus will be an innovative, convenient, safe and compassionate place to provide and receive care, incorporating modern efficiencies in a healing environment. Designed for patients, visitors and team members, the following priorities are incorporated into the planning: patient safety and experience; quality and efficiency; technology integration; flexible and adaptable areas with room for growth; healthy, sustainable buildings; and beautiful settings.

Just as our founders designed our current main hospital campus to meet the needs of the community at the time but with an eye toward the future, so too are we designing our new campus to be more accessible and modern today with the ability to expand and grow into the future. The new campus will incorporate state-of-the-art technology, a concentration of related services and enable a modern approach to patient experience, wellness and care. Buildings and interiors are being designed to reflect the beautiful diversity of our region – incorporating influences of our beaches, downtown Pensacola historic landscape, and more rural areas in our region. Structural quality and resiliency are of utmost importance as we are designing our facilities to withstand extreme weather conditions that our region can face. As environmental stewards, we are designing the rooms in ways that reduce energy needs, but also allow for natural light and comfortable temperatures. The interior design will have healing and comfort at the forefront with thoughtful pieces and placement of architecture and views that nourish and promote wellness.

Now we forge ahead with renewed commitment and passion, ready to care for the community for many years into the future. Our new campus supports our Vision to be the trusted partner for improving the quality of life for all people, regardless of the age and stage of life they face.

Please visit our website often for updates that we will be providing every step of the way as we continue our path to opening the new campus in Fall of 2023.