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Broward Health Expands Women's and Pediatric Services Across Broward County

Two Capital Improvement Projects Will Better Serve South Florida's Women and Children

Broward Health is set to expand services for South Florida's women and children this year with two capital improvement projects nearing completion at Broward Health Coral Springs and Salah Foundation Children's Hospital.

"As Broward County's population continues to grow, we are committed to meeting the community's needs by providing greater access to care and an enhanced patient experience with these two expansion projects," Broward Health President/CEO Beverly Capasso said. "This is an exciting time of growth in our 80-year history. As we continue to invest in the community we service, we look forward to being the trusted healthcare provider for patients and their families for years to come."

At Broward Health Coral Springs, renovations will be completed in August 2018 on a \$64 million expansion project that will offer four floors of healthcare services to provide greater access to quality, patient-centered care for western Broward County's growing population. The 110,000-square-foot expansion includes labor and delivery, as well as C-section rooms for expectant mothers on the tower's first floor, 28 private mother/baby post-partum rooms and a new 10-bed NICU on the second floor, 28 private medical/surgical¬¬¬¬ beds on the third floor and shell space for future clinical services on the fourth floor. The tower will increase Broward Health Coral Springs' bed capacity from 200 to 250.

The area's combined population boom and age demographics drive the demand for additional beds at the family-centered hospital. According to the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the state's population is projected to increase by six million people for a total population of nearly 26 million by 2030. In Broward County, the state's second largest county, the population is currently estimated at 1.8 million and is expected to increase to 1.94 million by 2030.

The Salah Foundation Children's Hospital at Broward Health Medical Center is nearing the final stages of a \$52 million expansion project, with plans to separate the current 70-bed NICU into two separate floors. The Level II NICU, which will feature 36 private rooms, is expected to be completed in October 2018. Once the Level II NICU is completed, the Level III NICU will be renovated and feature 34 beds in an open ward, with an expected completion date of approximately June 2019. The expansion is partially funded by a \$317 million

tax-exempt bond offering that the North Broward Hospital District successfully sold in November.

"The redesign of our NICU is aimed at providing advanced, individualized care to our youngest patients and their families," Capasso said. "We hope this new addition to our children's hospital will provide a healing and compassionate environment to better serve our patients. At Broward Health, we are proud to care for our community's children."

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