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Children's Museum receives \$100,000 donation from TRMC

Thibodaux, LA: Thibodaux Regional Medical Center donated \$100,000 to the Bayou Country Children's Museum. Funds will be used for an interactive wellness exhibit focused on combating childhood obesity. Construction of the museum is set to take place later this fall.

The hospital will receive recognition within the Health and Wellness gallery through a sponsorship of an exhibit specifically designed to educate children about healthy eating and exercise to combat childhood obesity.

Louisiana is ranked fifth in the country for overweight or obese children according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Studies found that 47% of schoolchildren were overweight and 29% were obese. "These are staggering numbers," says Greg Stock, CEO of Thibodaux Regional Medical Center. "Our partnership with the Bayou Country Children's Museum is a perfect way to give back to the bayou region that has made us who we are, the leader in healthcare and patient satisfaction. With our focus on health and wellness, this alliance allows us to make an impact on the children of the bayou region and improve their health and wellness."

The Bayou Country Children's Museum, is set to break ground this fall on a 12,700 square foot facility with 50 unique exhibits highlighting the industry, agriculture, environment and Cajun culture of south Louisiana. It will also incorporate party rooms, meeting space, picnic areas and vegetable gardens. The BCCM will be near Nicholls State University to serve children ages 2 – 12 from within an eight parish area including Assumption, Ascension, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, Terrebonne and beyond. It will act as an extension of the classroom since the exhibits will correspond to the GLE's (Grade Level Expectations) for the area schools.

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