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The Bellevue Hospital Ribbon Cutting for New Cancer Care Facility

By Phil Wheeler, Staff Reporter



There were many notable dignitaries present to offer well wishes, but the staff of TBH's new Cancer Care department are at the forefront of the fight. In pink, from (L to R) - Loretta Nichols (RN), director of Cancer Care and Infusion Services, Robin Reed (RN), Kelsey Hogue (RN), Deb Lewis (RN), Tami Hemler (RN), and Dr. Apoorva Chawla.

The Bellevue Hospital (TBH) held a bitter-sweet open house and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, May 16th, for their new Cancer Care & Infusion Services department.

Bitter, because of the need for such a center. Cancer statistics for the year 2000 showed 1.2 million new cases, and 550,000 estimated deaths in the United States. In 2023, that number is estimated to climb to 2 million new cases and 600,000 deaths. Sweet, because of the advances in cancer treatment and new facilities such as the TBH's new treatment center, more and more cancer victims are living longer and better lives.

Conveniently housed in the former first floor physical therapy gym, the center is light and breezy, with windows letting in the glorious sunshine and a view of a beautiful garden. Patients on the window side can gaze out at their surrounding while receiving treatment. The individual, spacious treatment stations are divided from each other with colorful



movable walls, each with its own outdoor scene. The inner stations are roomy and pristine, with each treatment bay having a wrap-around curtain for privacy.

"Getting care close to home is especially important when someone receives a cancer diagnosis," said Timothy Buit, TBH president and chief executive

officer, "You want to be able to access physicians and services near home. That is why The Bellevue Hospital and The Toledo Clinic are collaborating to provide the expertise needed to help our residents navigate through this challenging disease without traveling to a larger city for care."

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Missing 13-Year-Old from Bellevue Located in **Thousand Palms, CA**

Submitted by Marc Linder, Chief

Bellevue Police Department

The Bellevue Police Department has been working in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Service Missing Child Unit and the Huron County Sheriff's Office to locate and recover Dominic Oakes (13). Oakes was reported missing to the Bellevue Police Department on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, after he did not return home from school.

During the investigation, information was developed by the Bellevue Police Department and U.S. Marshals in Cleveland that Oakes was in Central California (Coachella Valley) with his biological mother, Tanya Garcia (41). Garcia is not Oakes legal guardian and was subsequently charged and a warrant issued on May 16, 2023, for felony Interference with Custody by the Bellevue Police Department.

The U.S. Marshals Service in Riverside, CA with the help of the Riverside County Sheriff's Office and the Cathedral City Police took both Garcia and

Oakes into custody yesterday evening in Thousand Palms, CA. Garcia was taken into custody on her outstanding warrant and arrangements are being made to extradite her to Ohio. Authorities will also work to return Oakes to his legal guardian in Ohio.

The Bellevue Police would like to thank the U.S. Marshals Service, the Huron County Sheriff's Office, the Huron County Prosecutor's Office, the Bellevue City Schools and SRO, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, the Cathedral City Police Department, and other agencies that assisted in this investigation. We

would also like to thank the citizens of Bellevue for being involved with giving tips and information regarding this case.

