

# Mary Bird Perkins, St. Elizabeth Hospital celebrate partnership

*Staff report*

BATON ROUGE – Board members of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center (MBP) and St. Elizabeth Hospital gathered at MBP's offices in Baton Rouge May 28 to celebrate their joint cancer care initiative for Ascension Parish and the surrounding areas.

The two organizations have partnered to build a new outpatient cancer treatment facility

in Gonzales.

Todd Stevens, president and CEO of Mary Bird Perkins; Sheldon Johnson, MD, Mary Bird Perkins; and Dee LeJeune, president and CEO of St. Elizabeth Hospital all spoke about the importance of this partnership for the Ascension community and surrounding parishes. They expressed excitement about the opportunity to work together to increase local and

regional access to advanced cancer care, affording more people with the opportunity to receive quality care at home, in their own community.

Members of Mary Bird Perkins' medical physics and radiation oncology staff gave technology tours of the Center's patient treatment areas, including the TomoTherapy and BrainLab suites and state-of-the-art treatment planning area.