

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Moody Center for Breast Health at Parkland Opens Its Doors, Ready to Serve Dallas County Residents**

*By Providing Improved and Efficient Care, State-of-the-Art Clinic Seeks to Address Health Inequities in Dallas County*

DALLAS — Nearly six years after its architectural inception, the newly opened Moody Center for Breast Health at [Parkland Health & Hospital System](#)'s (Parkland) main campus symbolizes substantial improvement in local access to comprehensive breast care. The state-of-the-art facility brings medical oncology, surgical oncology, plastic surgery, infusion, imaging and physical therapy services — previously spread across 10 locations — under one roof, making screenings, treatment and follow-up care more convenient for patients.

Construction of the Moody Center was empowered by \$40 million in philanthropic donations to the Parkland Foundation, anchored by a \$15 million gift from the Moody Foundation.

[Burns & McDonnell](#) was selected by Parkland to provide design and building [commissioning services](#) in early 2019. The 100% employee-owned firm's commissioning team confirmed that the project's overall performance meets its defined design, construction and programming criteria.

"We couldn't be more proud to stand alongside Parkland Health & Hospital System, the Moody family and the Dallas County community on this outstanding healthcare achievement," says [Scott Clark](#), vice president and general manager of [Dallas-Fort Worth](#) offices for Burns & McDonnell. "Nearly a century ago, our firm's co-founder, Clinton Burns, asked what can be more rewarding than 'to be engaged in a profession that saves human lives and adds to the health, happiness and prosperity of your own community.' Ninety-four years later, we proudly stand by that statement and service to communities in which we live and work across the globe."

Each year, Parkland provides breast health services for nearly 44,000 individuals. The Dallas County public healthcare system diagnoses and treats approximately 400 patients with breast cancer annually — 20% of all breast cancer cases in Dallas County. More than five times larger than the original clinic, the 40,000-square-foot Moody Center for Breast Health offers advanced tomosynthesis screening technology and expanded genetic counseling.

The patient population at Parkland is racially and ethnically diverse, often younger and diagnosed at later stages of their disease than national and regional norms. Many rely on Parkland, the only public health system in Dallas County, for care and treatment.

“The idea of this facility was to look at the patients’ challenges and determine what we could do to make sure they receive appropriate care,” says [Kyle Lambert](#), associate commissioning manager for Burns & McDonnell. “The Moody Center houses a multidisciplinary team working together in the same space, improving continuity of care and leading to better outcomes for patients. As the commissioning agent, it was our mission to make sure that the facility infrastructure and support systems were operating properly so healthcare providers and other Parkland staff could deliver high-quality services and focus on their core objectives at all times.”

Design for the building began four years before its completion, so spatial planning adjustments were made when the coronavirus pandemic took hold. Patient flow, cleaning and sanitization, furniture layout and social distancing had to be considered in a COVID-19 world, and for going forward post-pandemic. Touchless bathrooms — removing air dryers, adding hand sanitizing stations — patient movement organization and other modifications were incorporated after construction was underway.

By utilizing a fully integrated approach that was employed from initial planning phases through construction, Burns & McDonnell successfully supported sustainability efforts to meet LEED v4 certification requirements. Along with indoor air quality planning and testing, the firm also provided building envelope services and monitoring-based commissioning for the following systems:

- HVAC
- Building automated controls (BAS)
- Building enclosure
- Emergency power
- Room pressurization
- Isolation room exhaust
- Humidity control
- Plumbing
- Normal, essential and emergency power distribution
- Lighting and lighting control

Burns & McDonnell also leveraged the breadth of its multidisciplinary team to help Parkland execute indoor air quality (IAQ) assessment services per LEED v4 requirements. The firm’s local environmental services team was mobilized to evaluate facility design, develop an IAQ assessment action plan, coordinate the execution of testing services with the general contractor and provide on-site air quality sampling to meet LEED guidelines.

Burns & McDonnell has provided commissioning services for more than \$15 billion of new construction within the past six years. The firm ranks No. 1 in *ENR Texas & Louisiana’s* 2020 list of Top Regional Design Firms and among the top 20 in the publication’s Top 100 Green Buildings Design Firms survey.

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**About Parkland Health & Hospital System**

Parkland Health & Hospital System first opened its doors in 1894 and is now one of the largest public hospital systems in the country, licensed for 870 patient beds and employing more than 10,000 employees. The hospital averages more than 1 million patient visits annually. Services include a Level I Trauma Center, the second largest civilian burn center in the U.S. and a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The system also includes 20 community-based clinics, 12 school-based clinics and numerous outreach and education programs. Parkland is the primary teaching hospital for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. For more information, visit [www.parklandhospital.com](http://www.parklandhospital.com).