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*****INTERVIEWS WITH RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER
STAFF AND STACIE GREEN AND KIM PHILLIPS OF GIVING
HOPE & HELP AVAILABLE FROM 12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.*****

**RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER WELCOMES GIVING HOPE & HELP FOR 2nd ANNUAL
MOTHER'S DAY LOVE BAGS 4 CANCER EVENT MAY 7**

LOVE Bags filled with toiletries and inspirational items given to cancer patients to inspire and uplift.

KANSAS CITY, MO. — (May 5, 2016)—Research Medical Center—part of HCA Midwest Health, Kansas City's leading healthcare provider—welcomes Giving Hope & Help for its 2nd Annual Mother's Day LOVE Bags 4 Cancer Donation and Giveaway Event Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will distribute LOVE Bags filled with toiletries and inspirational items to hospitalized cancer patients in order to uplift them offer support. The niece of Jessica McClellan, the organization's founder and president, inspired the LOVE Bags initiative in honor of Valentine's Day 2015. She has battled Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a blood cancer, for the past six years.

"I can't imagine spending special days like Valentine's Day and Mother's Day in the hospital with cancer," says McClellan, who launched the Giving Hope & Help in 2013 with "The Thanksgiving Birthday Give." "I knew that cancer patients needed to be encouraged so I wanted to give hope and help to others who suffer from cancer like my niece."

Giving Hope & Help distributed LOVE bags to patients at Research Medical Center on Valentine's Day weekend 2016. According to Jackie DeSouza-Van Blaricum, Chief Executive Officer of Research Medical Center, the response from patients, families and staff was overwhelming.

"Through this community outreach endeavor, Jessica and her volunteers positively impacted the spirit of our cancer patients, their families and our staff in February," she said. "We welcome opportunities that align with Research Medical Center's commitment to the care improvement of human life above all. These LOVE bags are filled with a message of compassion, hope and indeed, love."

Giving Hope & Help receives donations from individuals and companies and have created a partnership with Fifth Season Financial who has donated 200 bags filled with items for the patients. They are seeking individual and corporate partnerships to fund the ongoing LOVE bag giveaways. For more information, visit givinghopeandhelp.org.

For more information about cancer care at Sarah Cannon at Research Medical Center, including cutting-edge clinical trials and more, visit researchmedicalcenter.com/service/cancer-care.

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About Research Medical Center

Research Medical Center (RMC) — part of HCA Midwest Health, Kansas City's leading healthcare provider — serves patients by providing an abundance of services and access to advanced technology. The hospital, located at 2316 East Meyer Boulevard in Kansas City, Mo., is one of the region's leading acute care hospitals. The 590-bed facility features a broad range of highly specialized, state-of-the-art services including a Level I Trauma Center, Cycle IV Chest Pain Center, Level 1 TCD designated Neuroscience Institute with the region's first Accredited Stroke Center, TIA Clinic, Grossman Burn Center, Liver and Pancreas Institute of Kansas City, Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, Obstetrics, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Transplant Institute, Orthopedics and much more. In addition, the 25-acre Research Brookside Campus, located at 6601 Rockhill Road in Kansas City, Mo., includes outpatient facilities, medical office buildings and a comprehensive health and fitness center. Between RMC and the Brookside Campus, 24-hour access to Emergency Services and a variety of Primary Care Physicians who provide preventive and wellness services are available. Research Medical Center has received the Get With The Guidelines Coronary Artery Disease-Gold; the Get With the Guidelines Heart Failure-Target Honor Roll Gold Plus; and the Get With the Guidelines Stroke-Gold Plus Performance Achievement Awards from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association. For more information on Research Medical Center, go to researchmedicalcenter.com and researchbrookside.com.

About HCA Midwest Health

HCA Midwest Health is the Kansas City area's leading healthcare provider consisting of seven hospitals, outpatient centers, clinics, physician practices, surgery centers and an array of other services to meet the healthcare needs of the greater Kansas City area. HCA Midwest Health is also one of the area's largest private sector employers with more than 9,000 employees, the largest provider of charity and uncompensated care, and annually donates more than \$1.2 million to local charities. Since April 2003, HCA Midwest Health has invested more than \$845 million to enhance and expand patient services and has paid more than \$216 million in taxes to local communities. HCA Midwest Health facilities serving the Kansas City area include Belton Regional Medical Center, Centerpoint Medical Center, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Lee's Summit Medical Center, Menorah Medical Center, Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Research Medical Center and Research Psychiatric Center. Midwest Physicians, which is part of HCA Midwest Health, is a network of experienced, multi-specialty physicians located throughout the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Midwest Physicians currently represents 344 physicians, including 142 primary care providers and 197 specialists with 80 physician practices providing care in 146 locations to serve the community. The physicians, licensed professionals and support staff who comprise the HCA Midwest Health team are dedicated to improving healthcare in the Greater Kansas City and outlying areas. For more information, visit hcamidwest.com.