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Tellepsen Builders and Industrial Selected to Construct Hope Lodge Houston

The American Cancer Society and Tellepsen partner to provide a home for cancer patients while receiving treatment in Houston

HOUSTON, (June 26, 2013) – [The American Cancer Society](http://www.americancancer.org) (the Society) is pleased to announce its selection of Tellepsen (Tellepsen) out of seven prospective contractors to construct Hope Lodge Houston. The Society’s Hope Lodge Houston will be the largest facility of its kind in the U.S. and will provide free lodging and support for cancer patients and their caregivers who travel to receive treatment in the Greater Houston area.

The final selection of Tellepsen was based on what each contractor could provide within the scope of the project and the Society’s internal criteria. After meeting with all of the potential construction management teams, Tellepsen stood out above the rest.

“It was evident that Tellepsen considers the Houston community an extension of their own family,” said Mike Reardon, Hope Lodge Houston’s architect at Trivers Associates. “Their socially conscious attitude was in direct alignment with the American Cancer Society’s mission to help others eliminate this destructive disease.” Reardon played a significant role in the selection process for the construction contract and will work closely with Tellepsen throughout the duration of the project.

Tellepsen’s family and business is deeply rooted in the Houston community with four generations and 104 years of service. The company is committed to building “projects of significance” through partnerships with non-profit organizations, such as the American Cancer Society. Part of the Society’s selection was based on this community relationship and Tellepsen’s experience constructing healthcare, multi-unit residential, and research and technology facilities.

“We have a passion for what we do and the impact it has on people’s lives,” said Tadd Tellepsen, president of Tellepsen Corporation. “We see this project as a unique opportunity to really be a part of something greater than ourselves.”

Hope Lodge Houston will be located in the Texas Medical Center at 7505 Almeda Road, between Holcombe Boulevard and the 610 Loop. As the Society’s second facility in Texas and 32nd in the country, the Lodge will also stand out as the largest nationwide—accommodating 62 patients and their caregivers within its five-story, 76,000 square-foot building.

“Not having to worry about where to stay or how to pay for lodging allows guests to focus on getting well,” said Betti Guzman, regional vice president of the American Cancer Society. “Hope Lodge provides a nurturing home-like environment where guests can retreat to private rooms or connect with others. Every Hope Lodge also offers a variety of resources and information about cancer and how best to fight the disease.”

The design and construction of this project will require years of collaboration between the Society, Trivers Associates and Tellepsen. Fundraising will soon be at the 50 percent benchmark; at which point, the process of finalizing construction plans and breaking ground will begin.

“We know that Tellepsen understands that Hope Lodge is much more than just a building,” said Bob McNair, Hope Lodge Houston campaign co-chair. “It will impact many families who are suffering from cancer and desperately need a supportive place to stay.”

For more information on the Society and their cancer fighting initiatives, such as Hope Lodge Houston, visit www.cancer.org.

About the American Cancer Society:

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers saving lives and fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. As the largest voluntary health organization, the Society's efforts have contributed to a 20 percent decline in cancer death rates in the U.S. since 1991, and a 50 percent drop in smoking rates. Thanks in part to our progress nearly 14 million Americans who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will celebrate more birthdays this year. As we mark our 100th

birthday in 2013, we're determined to finish the fight against cancer. We're finding cures as the nation's largest private, not-for-profit investor in cancer research, ensuring people facing cancer have the help they need and continuing the fight for access to quality health care, lifesaving screenings, clean air, and more. For more information, to get help, or to join the fight, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

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