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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hospital team earns top fund-raising honor to help fight cancer

MESA, ARIZ. – With cancer being the second leading cause of death in this country, staff members from Banner Baywood Medical Center’s Endoscopy Department certainly understand the devastating impact of this disease, as they work with cancer patients every day. To further make a difference in the fight against cancer, 16 of these staff members, along with family and friends, recently decided to participate in Gilbert’s Cancer Society Relay for Life. Their goal was to bring awareness to the community and raise \$10,000 for research and treatment.

With tremendous team effort, they far exceeded their goal and raised more than \$13,000, which won them the ‘Gold Award’ and first place for raising the most money from a single team.

Their team slogan, “Scoping Out Cancer,” which is certainly appropriate for their department at BBMC, now are a part of more than 3.5 million Americans who take part in the Relay For Life events in 4,800 communities nationwide each year. Its teams of families, friends and coworkers who join together to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember those lost and fight back against cancer.

About BBMC and BBHeart

Founded in 1984, Banner Baywood Medical Center (BBMC) serves the health care needs of the dynamic, ever-changing East valley by providing complete acute care services in this 300-plus bed facility. Its recent \$97 million expansion added a seven story, 123-bed tower to this campus. It is on the same campus as Banner Baywood Heart Hospital (BBHeart), one of the largest free-standing heart hospitals in the nation. It recently was named one of the nation’s 100 Top Hospitals® for cardiovascular care by Solucient®, a Thomson healthcare business. This annual award for cardiovascular services objectively measures performance on the key criteria at the nation’s top performing, acute-care hospitals. Both hospitals have first-class physicians working with an experienced staff provide the latest medical technology in an environment of clinical excellence, compassion and healing. They are part of Banner Health, Arizona’s largest health care provider and second largest private employer.

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