

## **Ribbon Cutting Planned for New Dental Clinic in Gilmer**

***Partnership between Wellness Pointe and Longview Regional Medical Center brings affordable dental options to Gilmer area families***

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Wellness Pointe, a Federally Qualified Health Center, and Longview Regional Medical Center have partnered to bring affordable dental care to families in Gilmer, TX. According to Wellness Pointe's Board Chair, Deena Shelton, "Wellness Pointe has always prioritized bringing quality, comprehensive care to our clients. In recent years, we have focused on expanding our locations and services; broadening the scope of services offered in Gilmer to include dental care is a step in that direction. We want our clients to have all of their healthcare needs met by qualified providers with the convenience of service close to home."

Carl I. Walters, Chief Executive Officer of Wellness Pointe is honored and excited to partner with Longview Regional Medical Center to bring expanded dental services to Gilmer area families: "We now will be able to better serve Gilmer families as their medical and dental home," he said.

According to Jim Kendrick, CEO of Longview Regional Medical Center, "Partnering with Wellness Pointe to bring families in Gilmer affordable dental care is a natural step for Longview Regional. We have other clinics surrounding various east Texas communities and introducing a dental clinic to the Gilmer community helps us serve the area with more convenient and high-quality health care."

Wellness Pointe's Chief Dental Officer, Damon Spencer, D.D.S. is also pleased to bring affordable, quality dental services to Gilmer. "We have a beautiful new clinic, and we can't wait to start serving the Gilmer area families," he said.

The Wellness Pointe Gilmer dental clinic is available to both children and adults. Most private insurance is accepted as well as CHIP and Medicaid. Affordable payment options are also available for qualified patients.

### About Wellness Pointe

A Federally Qualified Health Center and 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Wellness Pointe has been providing a variety of clinical and social programs to East Texas families for more than twenty years. Under the direction of a consumer-majority Board of Directors, Wellness Pointe is focused on providing affordable, accessible health care to **all** area residents, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. To learn more about Wellness Pointe's new dental clinic or to schedule an appointment, please call (903) 758-2610 or visit: [www.wellnesspointe.org](http://www.wellnesspointe.org)

### About Longview Regional Medical Center

Longview Regional Medical Center (LRMC), a 131-bed acute care hospital, is committed to investing in our region and bringing our patients the latest treatments and technology. At LRMC

patients can receive daVinci robotic surgery, Stryker joint replacements, off-pump beating heart surgery, HALO procedures for reversing the damage of Barrett's esophagus, and bariatric surgery for weight loss. LPMC's Vein Center is also Longview's only Vein Treatment Center where interventional cardiologists perform all procedures and have earned the "Best Vein Care Center of Excellence" status. For more information on Longview Regional Medical Center, visit: [www.longviewregional.com](http://www.longviewregional.com)

#### Ribbon Cutting Planned

The Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a ribbon cutting on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Anyone in the community is invited to attend the event and tour the new dental facility: 602 Titus St., Suite 130, Gilmer, TX 75644.