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### **HOUSTON FERTILITY INSTITUTE MARKS 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE IN THE WOODLANDS**

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The Woodlands, TX (January 5, 2006) There’s nothing like a seeing tiny infant to remind us of the miracle of life. Yet, for many couples who realize they may have difficulty conceiving a child, the mixture of emotions they experience can be a disheartening rollercoaster of frustration and hopelessness.

Many feel they are settled, that the timing is just right, and all of their friends are having babies, but what was assumed would happen so easily – the dream of expanding their family – now seems unattainable.

Infertility is defined as the inability of a couple to conceive a pregnancy after one year of unprotected intercourse. While many couples feel they are alone, it is estimated

that nearly one out of seven couples in the U.S. face infertility problems. While fertility tends to decrease as women get older, the effects of infertility can be felt at any age in a woman's reproductive cycle.

However, thanks to the latest technological and scientific advances in the area of assisted reproductive technologies, there are more options available today than ever before to successfully treat infertile couples.

Many of these ever increasing success stories are unfolding in The Woodlands at Houston Fertility Institute, founded by Jimmy Gill, M.D., Reproductive Endocrinologist and Medical Director who has been practicing in the field of assisted reproductive technologies for over ten years.

Houston Fertility Institute is marking the third anniversary of its practice in The Woodlands located at 920 Medical Plaza Drive, Suite 360, adjacent to Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital, as well as the fifth anniversary of its Tomball practice, located at 13414 Medical Complex Drive, Suite 7, adjacent to Tomball Regional Hospital. Houston Fertility Institute also has practice offices in Houston and Sugarland.

Dr. Gill is joined by Traci DeSplinter, M.D., who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, and Wei-Hua Wang, Ph.D., Embryologist, Andrologist and Lab Director of the IVF Laboratory of the Houston Infertility Institute.

Dr. Gill explains, "It's a very exciting time in the field of assisted reproductive technologies as there are so many recent breakthroughs in fertility. These impressive medical and scientific advances in the treatment of infertility offer our patients new hope. We are on the leading edge of the newest technologies and treatment options for both women and men.

"With our four locations, we are able to offer a full range of high-quality services, including in vitro fertilization, close to home for our patients. This significantly reduces stress for our patients as they don't have to travel in to the Texas Medical Center. They can be treated at one of our convenient practice locations."

Last year alone, the treatments by Dr. Gill and his highly trained and experienced team of physicians, technicians and professionals have helped hundreds of patients realize their dream of pregnancy and parenthood.

Dr. Gill adds, “We have a team of caring professionals who understand the pain, sorrow, and anxiety associated with infertility. With every comprehensive evaluation, we study all the pieces of the reproductive puzzle to determine what options may be best in helping a couple to overcome infertility and provide high-quality treatment that is close to home. There’s nothing that thrills our staff more than helping turn couples into families.”

Dr. Gill received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. After his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. John’s Hospital of Cornell University, he completed a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Rush Presbyterian – St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago. He then served as associate director of the Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Michigan State University, and is now the Medical Director of Houston Fertility Institute.

Dr. Traci DeSplinter graduated with honors from Texas Tech School of Medicine, and completed her post-graduate training at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. She is experienced in all aspects of assisted reproductive technologies, has presented infertility research internationally, and is an active member of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine.

Dr. Wei-Hua Wang received his Ph.D. in Reproductive Physiology from Okayama University, Japan. Dr. Wang has worked in embryology and infertility laboratories for 13 years. He was a supervisor in IVF laboratories of Women and Infants Hospital, Brown University School of Medicine and New England Medical Center, Tufts University School of Medicine before he joined Houston Fertility Institute. Dr. Wang’s infertility research has been recognized nationally and internationally.

The physicians and staff at Houston Fertility Institute can be reached at The Woodlands office at (281) 681-0480, the Tomball office at (281) 357-1881, and both the Houston and Sugarland offices at (713) 490-2527.

For more information, please visit the Houston Fertility Institute web site at [www.houstonfertilityinstitute.com](http://www.houstonfertilityinstitute.com).

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