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Watch Hope Grow...



Continuing the Dream...

It began as a community dream. The creation of the Tri-Cities Cancer Center was a culmination of community energy and desire to offer comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care close to home.

Community visionaries came together to make our region the beneficiary of a magnificent gift. The dream was realized in 1994 when the Tri-Cities Cancer Center opened its doors.

In gratitude for the visionaries that brought the Tri-Cities Cancer Center into being, we proudly embark on this expansion, which continues the dream and ensures our good stewardship of such a generous gift.

TCCC Breaks Ground on Cancer Campus Expansion

Planners originally estimated the Cancer Center would treat 25 patients per day. In 2007, an average of 41 radiation therapy patients were treated daily. Patient numbers are increasing due to increased general life expectancy, population growth in our region, and cancer patients living longer with their diseases due to medical advances in cancer treatment.

To meet the growing cancer care needs of our region, construction has begun on a 25,087 square foot, \$7 million expansion to the Tri-Cities Cancer Center. The expansion project will provide much needed space for current services and increase options for additional services and programs in the future.

The Tri-Cities Cancer Center is the home of advanced radiation technology, competitive with any cancer center in the region. To offer patients complete care, the Cancer Center leases space to Columbia Basin Hematology and Oncology (CBHO), a provider of chemotherapy and other medical oncology treatments. The expansion will provide a new space for CBHO and patients who receive medical oncology treatments. Having CBHO at the Cancer Center provides patients with comprehensive cancer care at one location, and allows for communication between doctors and medical professionals to coordinate a patient's combined care.

In addition to CBHO, the building currently houses other organizations supporting cancer therapy: Tri-City Laboratory, Blue Mountain Oncology, and the Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation. These collaborations allow us to increase patient convenience, coordinate care, and support the cancer journey with patient-centric programming.

The Cancer Center offers patient and family education, prevention programs and extensive support services. These valuable enhanced patient services are provided at no charge to all cancer patients and our community.

“As our community grows, as the need for cancer care grows, so must we. We owe it to our community to be here for anyone who needs the best cancer care close to home.”

Tom Cothran
Executive Director

FAST FACTS

- Growing patient numbers and a growing community make this a critical time for expansion of cancer services.
- There were more than 1.4 million new diagnoses of cancer nation-wide in 2007.
- Quality care is our priority. In 2007, the Cancer Center achieved a 98 percent patient satisfaction rating.
- Expanded space will offer patients additional privacy during their treatments, increased comfort, and an enhanced healing environment.
- The addition will allow for an expansion of the nurse care coordinator program, education programs, the beauty center, and other resources to support the cancer journey.
- Although the project will be funded through a loan, there will be naming and individual donation opportunities with all funds raised benefiting Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation, supporting enhanced patient services, not construction costs.