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Pathology Group Makes Gift to Coletta Building.

The Pathology Group has been a part of the Mercy tradition since 1981. Dr. Jim Brinkworth has been with the group since that time and has made the Spirit of Mercy a priority in his work by providing exceptional patient care while giving back to the community. “My group has always felt a duty to give back to improve the facilities where we work. Our current campaign is vital to providing patient centered care at Mercy.”

Dr. Brinkworth believes that the new cancer center will improve work for doctors as processes will be improved for patients and the multiple physician groups involved. “The effectiveness of multidisciplinary groups like the Breast Cancer Conference at Mercy makes a huge difference in radiographic quality, rapid diagnosis and rapid onset of top therapy to patients in this region. The reputation of quality has spread through patients and providers without the need for flashy advertising”



Pictured: Dr. Michelle Powers & Dr. Jim Brinkworth

When asked what he would say to other physician groups and community leaders, Dr. Brinkworth stated that he would “encourage other physicians to look beyond their own practice and donate, recognizing that this is for the long term. This is a community donation.”



Members of the community sign a beam that will be part of the Coletta Building construction. From left: Mrs. Jose Freede, honorary campaign chair, Mrs. Nancy Ellis, campaign contributor, and Mrs. Kathy Brown, outgoing Foundation Board President.



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Construction Milestone.

In early March, a milestone in the construction of the Coletta Building was reached. Standing steel went up. The opening of the new cancer center will take place sometime in spring 2016. We look forward to sharing pictures of the progress with you along the way.



Did You Know?

In the United States, 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will develop cancer during their lives.¹

In the state of Oklahoma, 1 in 4 men and 1 in 3 women will be diagnosed with cancer.²

Oklahoma had the 17th highest rate of new cases of cancer in the United States in 2011.³

Over the past eight years, the cancer rate in the United States declined by three percent while Oklahoma's rate increased by seven percent.⁴

In calendar years 2011 and 2012, Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City diagnosed or treated approximately 1,800 new cancer cases per year, an annual increase of about 500 cases from 2010.

Breast cancer accounts for over 30% of Mercy's cancer cases. Mercy treats 22% of all new breast cancer diagnosed in the state of Oklahoma.

(1,2,3,4) Source: American Cancer Society

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