

# Advancing Care Together

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## New Medical Building Named for Sister Coletta

Co-workers and friends of Mercy gathered together on August 27 to be a part of the groundbreaking ceremony for the new medical building. The building's name, Coletta Building, which will house cancer and breast health services, honors Sister Mary Coletta Massoth, longtime former administrator of Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, whose vision and persistence it was that moved Mercy from downtown to its current location.

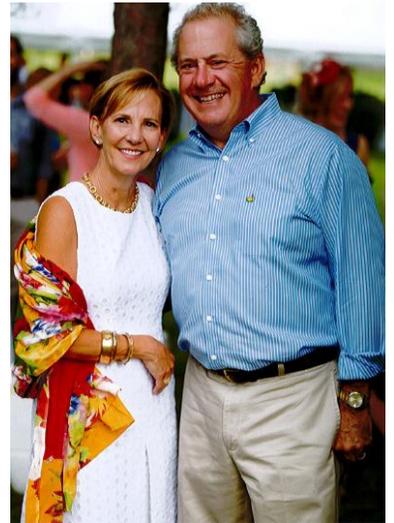
## Cancer Survivor Names Chapel with Generous Gift

"I will be a ten year breast cancer survivor in January 2015. During my cancer experience I became even more grateful for the gift of my faith. The majority of my care was at Mercy and I experienced many times over, the Mercy co-workers who lived the mission of Mercy – 'bringing to life the healing ministry of Jesus through their compassionate care and exceptional service.' A visit from Sr. Rose just before I went in to my first surgery had great impact on me. The Sisters of Mercy are living examples of Jesus' love for us. By making this gift, we are thankful to be able to help the Sister's legacy live on.

No matter what the outcome for any cancer patient, it is vital that Mercy continue to deliver the competent and compassionate care that my family and I encountered every step of the way. The new Coletta Building will allow Mercy to deliver on that promise at an even higher level. We are particularly excited about the beautiful new Chapel that will be a place of solace for the patients and their families right there in the new building.

My husband Rick and I, along with the Sehn Foundation, wanted to make this gift to help insure that Mercy's healing ministry can continue for generations of Oklahomans to come. Cancer has unfortunately touched both our families more than we care to count, but being here to make this gift gives us great joy. Our parents: Sally and Francis Sehn and Vestina and Joseph Ruffin taught us the importance of giving back to our communities with our time, talent and treasure. Serving on the Mercy Foundation Board for eight years has allowed me to share an abundance of time and talent and now Rick and I are humbled to be able to make this gift."

-Mrs. Patty Ruffin



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## Cancer makes the little things *big*.

Patients find all the little things that were no big deal before cancer become magnified after their diagnosis. Whether it's feeling a sense of loss when they can no longer take care of themselves, struggling to find a ride to the many treatments they have, or increasing financial burdens, cancer magnifies everything.

The big things also translate to the very environment where they get their treatments and care. Mercy is designing a cancer center that will transform the experience for our patients to help minimize their stress. In addition to all the services being housed together to help ease physical navigation, the spaces have been designed to give them choice.

Patients have told us they want a more comfortable infusion experience. The new Mercy cancer center offers patients the choice of reclining chairs, to stroll the hallways, relax in the rooftop garden or even a more private space. They'll have the ability to control lighting, temperature and sound to their liking.

With the stress of a cancer diagnosis and all that comes with it, spiritual and emotional support becomes very important. Mercy's cancer center will also offer a prayer chapel along with chaplains dedicated to helping and supporting patients and their loved ones.

## The big things are really big.

"Even during treatment, I wasn't sure what to eat sometimes or how to cook it. It was hard to figure out how to cook some of the new things we had to eat. And there are things you can't eat. Having a dietician and cooking classes would have been nice to help me through that."

-Terry B.



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