



Helping Cancer Patients Make More Memories

Trinity Cancer Center expansion gives patients comfort and care close to home.

Every day counts in the fight against cancer.

In the Quad Cities, cancer rates have grown faster than the national average. In 2023, cancer patients were met with a two-week wait for a new patient consultation. When you're facing a cancer diagnosis, two weeks is too long. The Trinity Cancer Center Team knew this had to change.

Fast forward to July 2025, UnityPoint Health - Trinity celebrated the ribbon-cutting and grand opening of its impressive cancer center expansion. Thanks to generous donations from the community, patients now have access to 10,466 square feet of expanded and renovated space.

*In the last several years, Trinity Cancer Center saw a **37% increase in patient visits** and a **144% increase in infusion visits**.*

Enhancing Patient Environment, Experience, and Outcomes

For cancer patients, days are full of appointments, treatments, lab work, and more. Developing a cancer center with easy access to providers and treatments was a top priority.

Trinity Cancer Center focused on three areas when it launched this campaign: patient environment, patient experience, and patient outcomes.

Upgraded Patient Environment

Prior to the expansion, patients had to delay consultations or squeeze in life-saving treatments in whatever space or time was available.

Now, Trinity Cancer Center offers:

- 17 infusion chairs with serene views of the pond and garden
- Three private rooms for patients facing treatments that require more privacy
- A separate, spacious waiting room for infusion patients



Medical oncologist Dr. Ahmad Abu-Hashyeh and radiation oncologist Dr. Thomas Stoffel are joined by oncology team members and community leaders for Trinity Cancer Center expansion ribbon cutting in May.

Improved Patient Experience

All cancer services are centralized in one location, making treatments, appointments, lab work, and pharmacy visits more convenient.

Trinity Cancer Center is home to:

- Hematology and oncology clinic
- Radiation oncology
- Infusion center
- Laboratory dedicated to cancer patients
- Pharmacy services
- On-site café

In addition to being a one-stop shop for cancer care, Trinity Cancer Center offers excellent parking options, including valet service. While these benefits support the patient, Trinity Cancer Center also considers caregivers, knowing they spend many hours at treatments and appointments with their loved ones.

Positive Patient Outcomes

Trinity Cancer Center offers more than a comfortable treatment environment. It features advanced technology and equipment like two TrueBeam Linear Accelerators for radiation therapy.

Technology is just one part of patient outcomes. Outstanding staff and providers help create positive results through their commitment to patient care, research, and continuous education.

The center also boasts an elite healthcare team dedicated to Trinity Cancer Center patients.

- Two hematology/oncology physicians
- Two hematology/oncology nurse practitioners
- Three radiation/oncology physicians
- Multiple support staff, including dietitians, pharmacists, and lab techs

During renovations, Trinity Cancer Center removed a wall that separated the hematology and oncology clinic from the infusion center. This created more open space for the staff, enabling them to communicate more effectively about the needs of each patient receiving treatment.

"Staff collaboration has greatly improved between the hematology and oncology clinic and the infusion center," said Toni Weeks, Oncology and Infusion Manager at Trinity Cancer Center. "Allowing staff to move freely between the two areas and address patient concerns promptly has had a positive impact on patient care."



(L to R) Quad Cities Market President Shawn Morrow is joined by Trinity Cancer Center Expansion Capital Campaign Co-Chair Pat Eikenberry and Quad Cities Chief Medical Officer Dr. Toyosi Olutade at the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the cancer center's expansion.

Expansion For Future Opportunities

The expansion allows the cancer center to serve the community's needs now and into the future. It also creates a chance to attract new cancer specialists to the Quad Cities.

Previously, recruiting oncologists to Trinity Cancer Center was difficult due to space constraints. Providers found it difficult to envision where they would treat patients. Now, the Trinity Cancer Center features advanced technology and equipment, along with a comfortable, convenient environment for care.

"Our focus is on recruitment—both for providers and the support staff. Part of access to care is having enough providers and staff to manage the needs of our patients. We want to provide a space for our community to receive quality, advanced care or treatment without having to leave town."

- Tricia Fisher, Director of Oncology Services, Quad Cities

Investing in healthcare is an investment in our community and the future of cancer care. Your generous support allows our patients to receive life-changing cancer care within our community. Please donate online at trinityhealthfoundation.org, by mail with the pre-paid envelope enclosed, or by scanning the QR code below. If you have received outstanding care from a caregiver at Trinity and would like to honor them with a charitable contribution, please contact Randi Rockwell at (309) 779-7619.



Close to Home Matters

In early 2022, Trinity Health Foundation President Mary Macumber Schmidt toured Trinity Cancer Center to begin formulating plans for an upcoming capital campaign to expand local access to care. She never dreamt she would soon walk through those same doors again as a patient.

Later that year, Mary received a breast cancer diagnosis. She subsequently underwent chemotherapy, surgery, radiation, and immunotherapy. Now, as she faces a cancer recurrence, she continues to receive her treatments at Trinity Cancer Center.

"Two things become very critical when you learn you have cancer," said Mary. "You want to feel confident that you are receiving the highest quality of care and you want local access. My family and I are grateful we have received both right here at Trinity."

After each infusion treatment, Mary's husband Brian Schmidt can head back to work, as Mary heads home to her own bed, favorite blanket and four-legged companions. "If I needed to travel out of town for treatment, it would involve extended hotel stays, significant time away from work for both Brian and me, and would require me to be away from my support network of friends and family here in the Quad Cities," said Mary.

Regarding quality of care, Mary remembers when her Trinity Oncologist encouraged her to seek a second opinion. Mary and Brian spent two days meeting with an oncology care

team at Mayo Clinic, only to learn they would not recommend anything different from the treatment plan designed by Trinity's Cancer team.

"It's hard to put a value on peace of mind," said Mary. "I'm grateful that Trinity Cancer Center provides the highest quality care for me and others, right here at home."



Mary Macumber Schmidt and her husband Brian

Cardiology Services Earns Healthgrades Coronary Intervention Excellence Award™

UnityPoint Health - Trinity Rock Island has been named among the top 10% of hospitals nationwide for coronary intervention, earning the Healthgrades Coronary Intervention Excellence Award™. This recognition places Trinity Rock Island among the top-ranked facilities in 10 eligible states for outstanding heart care.



Having recently celebrated their 250th patient to receive Pulsed Field Ablation, the Trinity Cardiology Team has been recognized with the Healthgrades Coronary Intervention Excellence Award™.

YOUR Support Changes Lives!



UnityPoint Health Cup Raises \$130,000 for Trinity Cancer Center

Held on September 5 at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, the 2025 UnityPoint Health Cup was a resounding success, raising more than \$130,000 to support the Trinity Cancer Center Expansion Capital Campaign.

Nearly 180 golfers participated in this year's Health Cup, along with 41 sponsors and 75 volunteers. Proceeds from the Health Cup will help to ensure all in need in our region have access to high-quality, compassionate, local oncology care. A huge thank you to McLaughlin Motors for its longstanding presenting sponsorship, and to all who took part in this year's successful event.



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