

2025

HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcomed Millicent Amankwah, MD, a hematologist-oncologist joining the team to expand care and expertise for patients with blood disorders and cancer.
- Earned reaccreditation as a Breast Cancer Center by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, demonstrating our commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care.
- Celebrated the 5th anniversary of Empower Boutique and Salon, which provided 236 appointments this year, supporting patients' confidence and wellness during treatment.
- Meals That Matter launched statewide, expanding access to more nutritious meals for patients during treatment.
- GammaTile® Therapy was implemented, providing targeted radiation delivered directly to the tumor site while minimizing impact on surrounding healthy tissue.

Expanding Cancer Care in Central Iowa

John Stoddard Cancer Center proudly opened a new Medical Oncology & Hematology Clinic, providing expert care for cancer and blood disorders under one roof. The clinic features expanded chemotherapy infusion services delivered by certified nurses who combine skill with compassion.

"With these services, patients and families across Central Iowa can access comprehensive care, from diagnosis through survivorship, all in one place," said Jon Rozenfeld, president, UnityPoint Health - Des Moines.

The clinic complements Stoddard Cancer Center's full continuum of cancer services, including radiation

oncology, inpatient care, the Adolescent & Young Adult (AYA) program and extensive support services such as navigation, counseling, nutrition, and wellness programs.

Thanks to donor support, Stoddard Cancer Center continues to deliver holistic, patient-centered care that addresses both physical and emotional well-being, helping patients focus on healing and hope.

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YOUR 2025 IMPACT

Thanks to you, John Stoddard Cancer Center continues to meet the unique health care needs of cancer patients throughout Des Moines and Iowa.

Donors helped with the following:

- **Stoddard Cancer Center became the first in Central Iowa to offer scalp cooling with Cooler Heads' Amma™ system.** This FDA-cleared, portable therapy gently lowers the temperature of the scalp before, during and after chemotherapy, helping to reduce hair loss and support patients' confidence and quality of life during treatment.
- **The Radiation Oncology & Brachytherapy Center added a new linear accelerator,** The Edge, bringing advanced technology to radiation treatment, expanding options for patients and enhancing care.
- **Thumbprints are offered** to families during end-of-life care, creating a meaningful and lasting keepsake.

- **Meals That Matter at Home launched statewide** with new cooking videos by medical director, Dr. Andy Nish, helping patients and caregivers prepare nutritious meals during treatment and making it easier to focus on healing.
- **EMPOWER Salon expanded services** to include manicures and eyelash applications, helping cancer patients look and feel their best during treatment.



*"To anyone who donates to John Stoddard Cancer Center - thank you. The resources you provide help lighten the load and take away worries for little things that add up during the long journey with cancer."
- Jennie, patient*



Your gifts helped ensure patients and their families had the support they needed throughout their cancer journeys. Take a look at some of the things your support made possible in 2025. You made a difference!

YOU HELPED ...



Connect **1,012** patients to the Oncology Navigator program.



Provide **4,897** meals through Meals That Matter and offer virtual nutrition classes to **66** participants.



Support **268** patients and families through our What's On Your Mind? free counseling program.



Provide **145** free screenings for the prevention and early detection of breast, colon and skin cancers.



The Charlie Cutler Healing & Wellness Program provided music therapy to **184** patients and **422 hours** of massage therapy and comfort for patients and families.

CARING

GIFT CARDS TO GROCERY & GAS
5,408

UBER RIDES
310

EMPOWER SALON APPOINTMENTS
236

GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS \$1,522,115

NUMBER OF GIFTS 1,481

NUMBER OF DONORS
974

NUMBER OF GIFTS MADE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE
232

NUMBER OF GIFTS MADE IN HONOR OF PATIENT OR CARE PROVIDER
163

As more and more people choose John Stoddard Cancer Center for care, we continue to add team members and services to meet the needs of the community. Your support makes a difference in helping provide these life changing and life-saving programs to cancer patients and families when they need it most.