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Building Hope:

Advancing Cancer Care for Our Community



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



A Vision Rising

The future of cancer care in our region becomes more visible each day at the site of the future Carilion Taubman Cancer Center. This latest aerial construction photo shows the remarkable progress where construction remains on schedule for opening in 2027. Each beam raised represents hope and healing for countless patients who will walk through these doors. Our construction team remains committed to creating a space where our neighbors can receive world-class, compassionate care close to home.

Donor Moment: Building Together, Giving Together



Senior Director for Principal Gifts and Strategic Initiatives Kim Blair for Carilion Clinic Foundation receives a generous donation from Building A Cure presented by Garrett Kastner, Senior Project Manager at Robins & Morton Branch Builds.

When construction partners Robins & Morton Branch Builds and E.C. Pace came together to work on the Carilion Taubman Cancer Center, they brought their hearts as well as their building expertise. The team also collaborates for Building a Cure, a fundraising initiative, and organized a talent show fundraiser that brought the community together in a remarkable way.

Building a Cure's \$75,000 contribution to the Carilion Clinic Foundation demonstrates their commitment to cancer care in our region far beyond the construction site. They exemplify the true spirit of neighbors helping neighbors – by working together, we can create something truly transformative for our region.

PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: Kay Yow Cancer Fund



Breakthroughs in cancer care happen when communities come together. That's why the Carilion Clinic Foundation is proud to partner with the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, an organization dedicated to breaking down barriers to cancer care, treatment, and research so that everyone has access to the support they need during life's most challenging moments.

Carilion serves patients in some of the most rural and socioeconomically disadvantaged areas, where access to cancer treatment is often hindered by financial and logistical challenges. Many patients must travel significant distances to access specialized care, and a large percentage of patients face financial hardships, impacting their ability to maintain regular treatment schedules.

The Kay Yow Cancer Fund has helped women who live an hour or more away from the Carilion Clinic Breast Care Center by providing a free night of lodging before their breast biopsy procedure. The lodging provides rest before their procedure in close proximity to the breast center, allowing them to arrive in a timely, safe manner.

Recently, this partnership made a profound difference for Elizabeth, who needed to travel two hours to Roanoke for a procedure. Through the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, Elizabeth received assistance with travel and accommodations, allowing her to focus on her health and recovery. "At the moment, I'm sighing because I have made my journey and I am in place for tomorrow...I feel cared for...I am grateful for this unexpected gift of hospitality. It has enabled me to feel calm and prepared for my procedure tomorrow."

Stories like Elizabeth's remind us that when neighbors support neighbors, no one has to face cancer alone.

"I have made my journey ... I feel cared for."

Elizabeth, cancer patient

Join Us for the Kay Yow Game

Virginia Tech Women's Basketball will hold its Kay Yow game on Sunday, February 8, at noon. Join us as we honor Carilion employees impacted by cancer and local beneficiaries of the Kay Yow Fund.

BUY A TICKET

CARILION EMPLOYEE TICKETS

Employees use code **PAKSURVIVOR** for discounted tickets.

Community Champions: Students Dig Pink



The spirit of neighbor helping neighbor thrives in the next generation, and the Radford High School volleyball team brought this spirit to life at their Dig Pink event. The team raised \$3,503 to support patients experiencing side effects of breast cancer treatment.

PROTON THERAPY BY THE NUMBERS

What Is Proton Therapy?

Proton therapy is an advanced form of radiation treatment that uses protons, subatomic particles found in the center of every atom, to target cancer cells, ensuring more precision and fewer side effects.

Key Benefits:

- 60% reduction in radiation dose to surrounding healthy tissue, compared to traditional radiation.
- Fewer side effects during and after treatment, allowing patients to maintain their quality of life.
- Same or better cure rates compared to conventional radiation for many cancer treatments.

The Carilion Taubman Cancer Center will bring this cutting-edge technology to our region, eliminating the need for patients to travel outside the region for advanced care.

How You Can Help?

Do you know someone who would like to stay connected to updates from the Carilion Clinic Foundation in 2026 and beyond? [Share this link](#) and invite them to follow along as we support each other to build the future of cancer care in our region.

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