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Building Hope:

ADVANCING CANCER CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

June is National Cancer Survivorship Month—a time to honor the courage of cancer survivors and the people who stand beside them. Across Southwest Virginia, we're celebrating survivors and the promise of bringing advanced cancer care closer to home.



Brynlee Watts, pediatric cancer patient, flanked by her parents Katie and David.

BRYNLEE'S STORY:

Hope Closer to Home

At just 6 years old, Brynlee Watts and her family traveled from Southwest Virginia to Washington, D.C., for proton therapy treatment after being diagnosed with pineoblastoma, a rare type of cancer that forms in the pineal gland. After surgery at Carilion Clinic, the doctors recommended she be treated with proton therapy.

Because the nearest proton therapy center was hours from home, treatment created significant challenges for Brynlee's family. Having access to proton therapy in Roanoke would have eased that burden and allowed care to remain closer to home.

Today, Brynlee is back to being a kid—playing, exploring, and spending time with the people she loves.

With donor support, more families across Southwest Virginia may soon have access to lifesaving proton therapy at the Carilion Taubman Cancer Center.

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More Care, More Survivors

Colorectal cancer survivor Julie Kingery credits her care team, family, and determination for helping her through cancer treatment.

Today, she is hopeful about the future of cancer care in our region and what the Carilion Taubman Cancer Center will mean for future patients and families.

“I’m very excited for the Carilion Taubman Cancer Center to be here,” Kingery said. “I just think it’s more care, more nurses, more doctors, more experience, and more survivors.”

With advanced treatments, specialized services, and comprehensive care closer to home, the Carilion Taubman Cancer Center will help more patients get the treatment they need so they can call themselves survivors too.



Julie Kingery, Cancer Survivor

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