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Building Hope:

ADVANCING CANCER CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY



20 Years of Helping Cure Kids Cancer

Southwest Virginia listeners set a new record during the 20th annual Cure Kids Cancer Radiothon, raising $241,853 in 2 days. Every dollar supports pediatric cancer care at Carilion Children's Hospital, where more than 40 local families are receiving treatment.

READ THE FULL STORY

Why Proton Therapy Matters for Our Youngest Patients

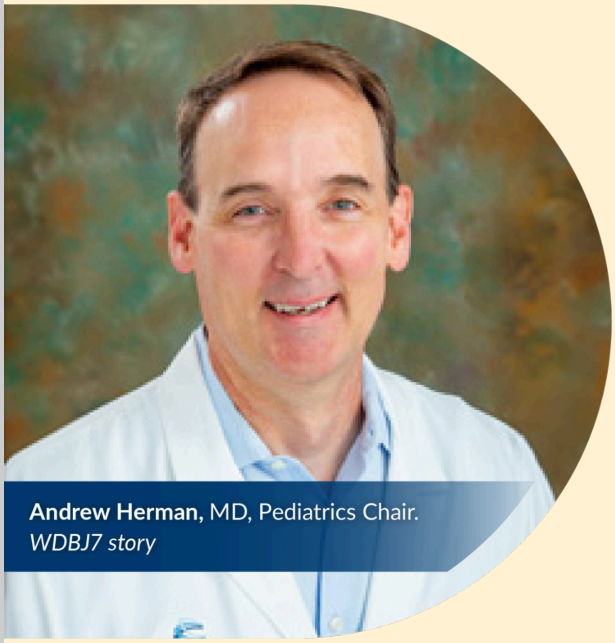


When a child needs radiation, protecting the healthy tissue around a tumor is critical. A child's brain, glands, and bone marrow are still developing.

In a recent WFXR News story, Cathleen Cook, MD, a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Carilion Clinic, explains why proton therapy is different. It stops at the tumor instead of passing through to healthy tissue on the other side. That can mean fewer side effects now and a lower risk of long-term harm later.

Today, children in our region must travel to cities like Atlanta, Charlotte, or Philadelphia for this care. The Carilion Taubman Cancer Center will bring it home.

SEE THE FULL STORY ON WFXR



A Conversation About Childhood Cancer Care

During National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Andrew Herman, MD, chair of pediatrics at Carilion, sat down with WDBJ7. He talked about what the the state-of-the-art-building and proton therapy will mean for children in our region.

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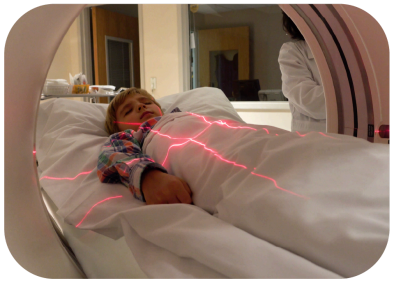
One Year Closer to Bringing Proton Therapy Home







One year ago this fall, our community celebrated a milestone: more than $105 million raised for the cancer center. It was the largest campaign in Carilion history.

That same week, ambassador Nicholas and Jenny Taubman invited us to take the next step. Their $17.5 million gift, joined by a $2.5 million anonymous donation, launched a goal to bring proton therapy to Roanoke.

“In just one year, our community has raised $38.8 million to bring proton therapy home,” said Steve Arner, president and CEO of Carilion. “Momentum like that doesn't happen by accident. It comes from people who believe the most advanced cancer care belongs right here in Southwest Virginia."

You’ve helped us reach more than three-quarters of our $50 million goal. Thank you to every donor, friend, and neighbor who made it possible. *Help us close the gap:* **CarilionFoundation.org/give**.

Next month, we'll share more about what's ahead and the families this care will serve.

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