

Bringing Cancer Care to Castle Rock



Castle Rock Adventist Hospital
Foundation



Every year in Castle Rock and surrounding areas, hundreds of people are diagnosed with Cancer.



“Bringing cancer care to Castle Rock is an essential next step to addressing the overall health of our growing community.”
Jason Gray, Mayor

In 2019, alone, approximately 513 people received a cancer diagnosis. It is estimated that by 2025, cancer diagnoses in our community will increase by twenty-eight percent, and by 2030 they will increase by sixty percent to nearly 821 neighbors, friends, loved ones or even yourself.

The town of Castle Rock is one of the top ten fastest growing in America. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. This means these numbers will only continue to increase.

Castle Rock Adventist Hospital wants to lift part of the burden of receiving a terrifying diagnosis by bringing cancer care close to home. Finally, high quality cancer care in our own community. The comfort of staying close to home with world-class support and treatment.

We can't do this without your help.

VISION: To bring holistic therapeutic cancer services in a nurturing environment close to home.

PRIORITIES: **Medical and radiation oncologists** providing expert patient focused, coordinated care.

Chemotherapy infusion center committed to expertise and patient experience.

Radiation therapy administered with impeccable precision.

Programmatic essentials including survivorship counseling, nutrition coaching and a boutique offering personal care items in a private and comfortable atmosphere.

WHAT IT WILL TAKE:

In this current phase of growth, Centura Health is investing \$43 million to develop and provide cancer care in Castle Rock. Philanthropic support of \$14 million is required to accelerate this goal and timeline, and bring cancer care to our community.

2011 to 2021	\$211 million	Centura's total investment to construct and expand the hospital and its supportive programs.
2011 to 2021	\$68 million	Castle Rock Adventist Hospital's investment to community benefit.
2022 to 2025	\$14 million	Investment needed from community support for cancer care development, equipment and programs that are essential to patient centered care.



When Melissa Rufenacht’s doctors found a golf ball sized tumor, it was stage 3 melanoma. Doctors were amazed she was alive.

At that point Melissa recalls, “I was terrified, confused, sad and angry. Nothing made sense. You’re left to choose your war plan from the options, without the confidence in knowing if your choice will save your life.”

Melissa’s first step was leaning on her faith and willpower. “I believe in the power of prayer. I needed to be strong for my children. The first step is to get up. The second is to show up, but don’t just show up. Show up in style with a smile.”

Staying close to home for treatment is something she dreams of seeing for her entire community. It will impact each of us eventually, be it personally or someone we love.

“The anxiety and emotional tolls are overwhelming, even physically draining. Every second you spend traveling to and from treatments feels like eternity. You learn just how long a car ride can be. All you want is for treatment to be done. Our community deserves to have these services close to home. We have a beautiful hospital with amazing doctors and nurses. This is the next step in providing care for our community.”

Marcy says a mammogram saved her life in 2002. She was one of the “one in eight” women diagnose with breast cancer.

As a young, healthy, athletic woman, the initial diagnosis was a shock and overwhelming. “Where do I go, and what is my next step? How do I decide what to choose and make decisions to win the battle?”

Her choice was eight rounds of chemo and thirty-seven rounds of radiation. Forty-five anxiety-filled round trips for treatment.

“Those are some of the longest car rides you will ever have. Especially hard was the chemo, the anxiety builds with every mile. I also required rides to my appointments which meant relying on wonderful friends and family for those trips, for which I am forever grateful.”

Marcy describes treatment as “a mental anguish in addition to the physical.” Each trip left her emotionally drained. She says if treatment were close to home, it would have helped her tremendously.

Nearly twenty years later, thankfully she is in full remission. Now, the vision of Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, to build a cancer care center right here, has her full support.

“Lifting the burden of those commutes and having high quality cancer care available in Castle Rock would be my hope for future patients. Having a center in our backyard would be a gift to patients and their caregivers.”



Centura Health is the largest health system in Colorado and proudly non-profit.

Castle Rock Adventist Hospital has been a strong community hospital since it opened its doors in 2013, and as the population grows, so will the complexities of services we provide. Centura Health's vision of every community, every neighborhood, every life – whole and healthy, fuels the passion of our daily lives.

Approximately three families move into Castle Rock every day and we want to continue to be a healthcare partner for our community and meet the challenges of growth. We are expanding the fourth floor of the hospital to accommodate a new 36-bed inpatient surgical unit which will allow us to provide more specialized experiences for patients. Additionally, we will soon build another medical office building for an outpatient surgery center. Our prayer is this building is also the future home of Castle Rock's cancer care center.

It is time to bring cancer care to Castle Rock for our neighbors, our loved ones and for ourselves. Together we can build this legacy for a better community, with better health care, closer to home.

We know the fastest growing demographic in Castle Rock community is the senior adult population, which is going to require medical services that currently aren't provided. We have also identified that the most significant gap in medical services is our inability to provide therapeutic cancer care for the over 500 individuals that receive a cancer diagnosis each year in our community.

Many patients require chemo and radiation therapy multiple times a week and they must seek these services outside our community.

At Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, our heartfelt determination is to provide the range of cancer services so desperately needed in our community.

This shared vision involves us all and requires the support of our community through philanthropy. Philanthropy is essential to create a wholistic environment of healing that delivers the highest quality of cancer care.

The need for private support from our community is greater than ever, and the value proposition is critical to the continued health and overall wellbeing to Castle Rock.

Castle Rock Adventist Hospital is steadfast in its commitment to our mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ by caring for those who are ill and by nurturing the health of the people in our communities. Thank you for considering partnering with us to bring cancer care to our beautiful community.



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