

Project Overview

Campaign Purpose

Raise \$5 million to build a Regional Cancer Care Medical Center to provide radiation therapy for cancer patients and medical specialty services for patients who now must travel long distances at great expense to receive care.

Need for Campaign

- Build a new 8,000-square-foot dedicated cancer care center with radiation therapy services, now unavailable anywhere in the region.
- Treat the growing and alarming number of cancer patients. In 2006 through 2007 Uvalde Memorial Hospital documented 1,853 cancer patient visits.
- Bring aggressive, state-of-the art cancer care to the region. Radiation therapy is often used in conjunction with chemotherapy to effectively and aggressively treat cancer. Radiation oncology involves daily treatments for an extended period of time. Often patients endure 30 to 45 days of consecutive treatment with breaks only during weekends. Unfortunately, today radiation oncology is not available anywhere west of San Antonio and patients and the loved ones of patients must make daily travel arrangements to San Antonio, or even Houston, to seek treatment.
- Serve patients of Uvalde, Real, Zavala, Edwards, Medina, Maverick, Val Verde, Dimmit and Kinney counties who, in the absence of available radiation therapy, often choose radical surgery or forego treatment entirely.
- Expand the number and types of medical specialists in our service region in the fields of orthopedics, cardiology and surgery. The new facility will help UMH recruit physicians by providing first-class medical facilities adjacent to the hospital. In the highly competitive environment for medical specialists, providing modern and functional medical space is imperative to attract top physicians.

Campaign Focus

- A state-of-the-art, comprehensive cancer care facility – The centerpiece of the facility will be a new cancer center for radiation therapy with treatment capabilities offered by established and experienced radiation oncologists.
- Expanded specialty care for the region – The campaign will bring medical specialties to Uvalde and surrounding counties and establish Uvalde Memorial Hospital as a regional center for comprehensive care. Much-needed medical office space will be made available for all types of physician specialists. Currently the need exists for local specialists in fields such as cardiology, orthopedics, urology and dermatology as well as professional space for surgeons.