ADVANCING CANCER CARE, Closer to Home

Wendy Buzzanga, cancer survivor, Knob Noster, MO
A project to:

DETECT
Cancer with enhanced equipment.

DIAGNOSE
The type and stage of cancer with improved technology.

DEFINE
The best treatment regimen available.

WE’RE YOUR PARTNER FOR ALL STAGES OF LIFE.
MY PARTNER FOR family
“It was never a question of where I would receive care. I insisted on Western Missouri Medical Center. They were wonderful to me. I felt like they cared so much about me. I was a part of their family.”

On her 42nd birthday, October 22, 2016, while outside with her family, Wendy discovered a lump on her chest. Thinking it was just a cyst and intending to ignore it, Wendy’s husband encouraged her to get it looked at by her family doctor, Brent Hoke, DO.

November 7, 2016, Wendy was diagnosed with Triple Negative Breast Cancer, a cancer known for being extremely aggressive.

“You can help me fight breast cancer by getting screened and being aware,” Wendy preached to everyone she knew after the diagnosis.

In July of 2017, with the help of WMMC’s advanced care, technology, and specialists, Wendy completed her last radiation treatment. She’s now in remission and enjoying life’s precious moments.

One of the pieces of equipment to be purchased is a Portable Ultrasound Machine that helped diagnose Wendy’s cancer, allowing her care team to determine a treatment plan.

**Advanced cancer care, close to home allowed Wendy to spend much more time with her family.**
For over 55 years, Western Missouri Medical Center has provided the community with compassionate, quality care, and has been dedicated to meeting the growing healthcare needs of the community.

Quality of care is WMMC’s top priority, having received several certifications including certifications for Level III Center for Stroke, Trauma and STEMI, the Gold Seal of Approval for total knee and hip replacement, and Gold Standard of Accreditation in computed tomography.

Today, area residents rely on our expertise in the moments they need it most, and they deserve the best technology available. It is with that same dedication we are now embarking on a project to bring advanced cancer care to our community.
1 in 4 people WILL DIE from cancer.

Breast Cancer is the #1 fastest growing cancer.

Lung Cancer is the #1 KILLING CANCER

1.6 MILLION people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer.

Statistics from based in the U.S. in 2015 | Provided by CDC.gov
Cancer Care Project

ENDOBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND BRONCHOSCOPY (EBUS)

PORTABLE ULTRASOUND MACHINE

RADIOACTIVE NAVIGATOR
## HIGHLIGHTS

To help bring advanced cancer care to WMMC, the WMMC Foundation has launched its campaign to raise **$330,000** to purchase equipment that will benefit the patients and families in our greater WMMC community.

### Endobronchial Ultrasound Bronchoscopy (EBUS)

With the recent addition of low-dose CT screenings, the only preventative screening available for lung cancer, the EBUS is the next pivotal advancement to diagnosis and treat lung cancer. Currently, patients have to travel to the city to receive this type of cancer treatment, which can mean extra time spent away from family and friends in order to travel for care.

An EBUS procedure is minimally invasive but a highly effective procedure used to diagnose and stage lung cancer, infections and other diseases causing enlarged lymph nodes in the chest. Prior to this technology, patients would need to have a highly invasive surgery to achieve similar results, required hospitalization, more risk and recovery time.

### Portable Ultrasound Machine

Ultrasound machines are often used to diagnose, monitor, and treat multitudes of medical problems from gallstones to cancer. With the current outdated ultrasound, long wait times and limited space determines how many patients’ physicians can see daily, and could inconvenience patients by forcing them to go to another facility farther from home.

The light and compact design of a Portable Ultrasound Machine saves time by allowing providers to see more patients needing diagnosis as well as providing patients with convenient and shorter wait times. This machine will provide the same high quality imagery as a stationary ultrasound at a lower price tag.

### Radioactive Navigator

Surgeons can find it difficult to locate all of the cancerous tissue in tumors and lymph nodes within the human body. Currently to locate and remove cancerous cells, doctors may have to do more surgery than necessary to make sure the cells were fully removed, resulting in longer surgery times and even longer healing time for the patient.

The Navigator allows the surgeon to identify these specific nodes by injecting the patient with a tracer the navigator can identify. Through the various readings, the surgeon can determine what lymph nodes are the most important in determining drainage from the tumor. This makes for more accurate surgery incisions, faster healing times, and decreased complications for the patient.

### Family Comfort Suites

The Family Comfort Suites will provide an overnight option for families to be close to their loved one while receiving care, especially those who are critical, arrive unexpectedly or near end of life. Often times these patients need extra attention from providers and their families. However, these moments that need family support can cause stress for the family, including staying offsite and possibly being absent during critical moments.

These two suites will include a bed and a full bathroom with a shower, and have access to a private dining area to sit down and have a quiet meal. They will function as space where the family can have privacy to rest and recover while remaining close to their loved one in their time of need.
**Community Benefit**

for Western Missouri Medical Center in 2017

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**$14,368,703 Community Benefit**

Community Benefit: Unreimbursed care that is provided to our greater community.

WMMC is a county owned, not-for-profit healthcare provider. As the fourth largest employer in Warrensburg, WMMC employs nearly 650 people and provides $3,485,842 in annual salaries.
Continued population growth, demographic changes in the region, and the desire of the community to seek health care services close to home are driving the need for new technology at WMMC. We must continually bring the latest technology to its facilities so we can continue to provide the level of care that patients deserve and demand as well as attract highly skilled health care professionals to our community.

Your financial support is necessary in order for Western Missouri Medical Center to answer the call—the call to meet the growing healthcare needs of your family, friends and neighbors.

“The generosity of area residents will enable the WMMC Foundation to continue its support of the hospital and specifically address the cancer challenge. Together, we make a difference.”

— Dee Hudson, Foundation President
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