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WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

MMC Plans To Build New Medical Office Building



An artist rendering depicts the proposed medical office building in Scarborough.

Maine Medical Center (MMC) is investing \$59 million in a new Maine Medical Partners (MMP) medical office building at its Scarborough campus as part of

its overall expansion and modernization project.

The 108,000-square-foot, three-story building will be home to Maine Medical

Partners practices including Neurology, Neurosurgery & Spine, Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose & Throat) and Vascular Surgery. They will join at the campus the

Scarborough Surgery Center (SSC), Maine Medical Center Research Institute (MMCRI), MMP – Maine-Health Cardiology, MMP Women's Health Division of Gynecologic Oncology, the Maine Children's Cancer Program and MMC Outpatient Imaging.

"This investment marks the next stage in our development of the Scarborough campus as a regional center for specialty medical care that is convenient for our patients, with easy highway access, ample parking and state-of-the-art facilities," said Jeff Sanders, MMC President.

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Cares for Kids Radiothon Demonstrates Impact of BBCH

Melayna Benner considers herself to be a "regular kid." The reality is, though, the 18 year-old has been helping to improve the lives of children with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) for nearly her entire life. As a CF patient who was diagnosed in utero, Melayna has taken part in three clinical trials as part of her care at The Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at The Barbara Bush Children's

Hospital (BBCH).

"It makes me so happy that she is helping so many children with this disease, making sure other children will be able to have these very important medications in their lives," said Angela Henderson, Melayna's mother. "Melayna likes to be a part of these studies not only to bring new treatments to others but to see

what new advancements are coming down the pipeline."

This week, Melayna will be explaining how much the care she's received at BBCH has meant to her during the 14th annual Cares for Kids Radiothon to benefit BBCH. The Radiothon, which has raised more than \$2 million for BBCH, runs from March 14 – 16.

Frank 107.5 and 99.9 The Wolf will be broadcasting live from the BBCH atrium on Thursday from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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"Coupled with the investments we are making at our Bramhall Campus, we are ensuring that MMC and MMP will continue to provide the highest level of care well into the future. We look forward to working with the state and town of Scarborough to move this project ahead."

This development allows the practices in the new building to expand and grow in response to patient

demand. The new building will hold exam rooms, procedure rooms and doctor's offices and will include the addition of 500 new parking spaces. It will allow for the development of existing programs as well as the potential creation of new programs.

"It is important that our colleagues work in facilities that reflect the world-class care they provide to their patients," said Joel Botler, MD, MMC's Chief Medical Officer and MMP President. "This investment is

not only in our facilities, but in our colleagues, our practices and in the care of our patients."

MMC has begun to seek the necessary state and local permits and hopes to begin construction in the fall of 2019, with a targeted completion of early 2021.

Altogether, MMC's \$534 million expansion and modernization project will create 128 new private patient rooms, add 19 procedure rooms for surgeries and other complex treatments, provide an additional 225

spaces for patient and visitor parking, and consolidate MMC staff parking into one nearby garage that will meet current demand and future growth.

It will create modern, state-of-the-art practice space allowing MMC and MMP to further develop its ambulatory care practices in Scarborough, convenient and easily accessible for patients and their families.

For more information, visit: www.mmc.org/modernization.

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All of the funds donated during the Cares for Kids Radiothon will support the programs and services at BBCH. When Melayna speaks to the DJs on Thursday, she'll be joined by her research coordinator Carrie Milliard, who sees the difference that BBCH makes in giving patients access to clinical trials and in ensuring they're healthy enough to participate.

"Clinical trials are life-changing for these patients," Milliard said. "BBCH gives patients like Melayna access to clinical trials during their care and helps them manage their

disease so they can live active lives."

Melayna found the medication she took as part of her most recent clinical trial so effective at fighting infection in her lungs, she's continuing to take it. She's asking people to donate to BBCH so that other children can receive the same patient-centered care she has from the time she was born.

You can make a gift to BBCH during the Cares for Kids Radiothon by calling the phone bank during the live broadcast at 1-800-352-6865. You also can donate online at: mmc.org/caresforkidsradio.



Melayna Benner is sharing her story of living with Cystic Fibrosis and participating in clinical trials as part of the Cares for Kids Radiothon.

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