Maine Medical Center (MMC) has received a $7.5 million pledge from Paul and Giselaine Coulombe and their daughter, Michelle Coulombe-Hagerty. This is the largest commitment by an individual family in MMC’s history.

Inspired by the Coulombe family’s generosity, Linda and Diana Bean of the notable retailing family have committed to give MMC $3 million. In recognition and appreciation, MMC will rename its East Tower the Coulombe Family Tower and new heliport on top of the tower the Linda and Diana Bean Heliport.

“Paul, Giselaine, Michelle, Linda and Diana are generous beyond belief. But more importantly, they recognize an opportunity to make a transformative investment in the care that patients receive,” said MMC CEO and MaineHealth President Richard Petersen.

“The Coulombe Family Tower is going to become synonymous with life-changing experiences as the home of some of our most critical women’s and children’s services, emergency medicine and our new state-of-the-art oncology unit. We applaud the Coulombe and Bean families, their vision for health in our community, and welcome them to our own MMC family with open arms.”

The Coulombe Family Tower sits above MMC’s Emergency Department and is home to MMC’s Labor and Delivery unit, Mother-Baby services, prenatal and pediatric short stay care, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and other women’s and children’s services. The five-story structure is undergoing an expansion as part of MMC’s modernization project that will add two floors with 64 private beds dedicated to oncology care.

The two new helipads on top of the tower also will allow medical staff and first responders direct access to the Emergency Department. The Coulombe and Bean families recognize that MMC cares for Maine’s sickest patients, and needs to modernize its facilities to continue serving that need.

The expansion of the Coulombe Family Tower is expected to be complete in late 2019.
Retired New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski and his family presented MMC’s Chief Operating Officer Jennifer McCarthy with a check for $25,000 to The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital Wednesday afternoon. The money was raised through a raffle of Super Bowl tickets by the Gronk Nation Youth Foundation, The Light Foundation and the Davio’s Restaurant group.

Everyone in this picture has already participated in OUR Place Employee Giving. Have you? This year’s program runs until June 28. See eNews for details on how to donate.