Community

GROWING METHODIST CHARLTON MEDICAL CENTER MOVES FORWARD WITH NEW ONCOLOGY UNIT

Methodist Charlton also made great strides in the construction of its new Dr. Stephen and Marylin Mansfield Oncology Unit, which is closer to opening each day.

Once complete, the unit will include 12 patient rooms, with the capacity to serve more than 700 patients annually. Patients will have access to life-preserving treatments on some of their sickest days in private spa-like rooms, featuring high-quality linens, comfortable seating for family and guests, and artful décor. Oncology certified nurses (OCNs) and board-certified medical oncologists will be on staff to provide expert-level care.

"Cancer is a real issue in the southern sector of Dallas, especially breast cancer," says Methodist Charlton President **Fran Laukaitis, MHA, BSN, RN, FACHE**.

For breast cancer alone, Susan G. Komen's most recent Community Profile Report for Dallas County reports the death rate for Black/African-American women is 1.4 times higher than the combined rate for all women in Dallas County. Within the Methodist Charlton service area, 50.6 percent of the population is Black/ African-American.

"It was clear to us that, in addition to our community education programs and outreach efforts, we needed a dedicated oncology unit," Laukaitis says.



IN THE COMMUNITY METHODIST CHARLTON PROMOTES PHYSICAL HEALTH



Thanks to a sponsorship from Methodist Charlton Medical Center, the city of Cedar Hill opened a new outdoor fitness area early last year.

Unveiling the Fitness Court at Calf Pasture Park, Cedar Hill Mayor Stephen Mason took the opportunity to praise hospital leadership for being true partners in health and wellness.

"Having a health care provider as the sponsor of the new fitness court is a blessing," the mayor said. "I hope that every citizen will take advantage of this."

The fitness court, on Joe Wilson Road north of Belt Line, encourages healthy living and is designed for people of all ages and fitness levels to use their own body weight in a series of circuit training exercises inspired by CrossFit and military training.

PROUD ACCOMPLISHMENTS EXPECT FIRST-CLASS CARE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH

Methodist Charlton Medical Center announced last August that it is a recipient of the Healthgrades 2020 Gynecologic Surgery Excellence Award™, the Healthgrades 2020 Labor and Delivery Excellence Award, and the Healthgrades 2020 Obstetrics and Gynecology Excellence Award™.

These achievements recognize Methodist Charlton for exceptional care of mothers during and after labor and delivery, as well as care of women undergoing gynecologic procedures.

"We are honored to have won these awards several consecutive years," said **Fran Laukaitis, MHA, BSN, RN, FACHE**, President of Methodist Charlton. "This demonstrates the ongoing commitment of our physicians, nurses, and staff to serve women and families when they need us most."

LIVING OUT OUR MISSION

9,483 \$149 million How much Methodist The number of people Methodist Health System Health System provided in employed throughout the Metroplex in 2020 unreimbursed charity care in fiscal year 2020 THE NUMBER OF **PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN 2020 BY** Methodist Charlton The number of years Methodist Health System has been part of the Mayo Medical Center: Clinic Care Network. Both Methodist and Mayo Clinic continue to work 1.662 together to benefit the communities they serve by sharing knowledge, accessing the latest medical information, and providing innovative care, unmatched in this marketplace.

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IMPROVING EMERGENCY CARE IN SOUTHERN DALLAS COUNTY

Last fall, Methodist Health System announced plans to break ground on a major three-story addition to Methodist Charlton Medical Center. A new 40,000 square-foot Emergency Department (ED) located at Wheatland Road and Bolton Boone Drive will almost double the size of the current ED and increase the number of beds from 45 to 70.

The new ED will include larger waiting and patient triage areas, more trauma rooms, expanded ambulance bays, and new imaging equipment that will allow patients to be scanned without being moved for testing.

Jeffrey Butterfield, MD, medical director of the Emergency Department states, "Many of our patients are admitted to Methodist Charlton through our ED. This new state of the art department will help provide shorter wait times and overall a better patient experience."