A Season of Gratitude: Your Gifts at Work

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.
–Melody Beattie

There are many reasons why I support Grand Itasca. I have been so very happy with the care I have received for so many years. It is so important to care for our community in the best way that we can, keeping care close to home.

–Jerry Kleven, Close to Home Campaign Steering Committee Member, Major Donor & 2018 Itasca County Outstanding Senior Volunteer

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Care Transformed: The Impact of Your Generosity
Grand Itasca’s Cancer & Infusion Center

Kelly Kirwin, Director
Grand Itasca Foundation

“Grand Itasca Foundation has been honored to be a part of this project from the start, and the entire project has far exceeded all of our expectations.”

“We kept hearing from patients and staff, each of whom had a laundry list of reasons why we needed a true infusion center and designated space for a cancer clinic with its own private entrance. And so, in partnership with the clinic and hospital, we presented our Close to Home capital campaign to the community. The community responded immediately and generously.”

“With over $2 million donated in support of this new space at Grand Itasca, we hope each individual donor feels proud to have been a part of this project. Your generosity has allowed Grand Itasca to touch so many patients’ lives and significantly improve the quality and comfort of their care.”

Joni Morse, RN, Director of Clinic Nursing

“Our new cancer clinic and Infusion space has allowed us to create an optimal healing environment for our compassionate and dedicated nurses and providers to care for our patients and their families close to home and bring harmony to their mind, body, and spirit.”

The Close to Home Capital Campaign donor recognition wall, designed and crafted by Itasca County artist, Aaron Squadroni.
Jean Hammann, RN
Infusion Nurse

“In the old space, both nurses and patients were uncomfortable because it felt like someone else was always listening. This new space is comfortable and private, which makes it easier for us to talk to our patients and focus directly on their needs and care. We have also expanded our scope of service to offer treatments we have not been able to provide in the past, and we can work more closely with our Pharmacy team and outside providers so that our patients get the very best care, right here at home.”

Brenda Goodell, RN, Infusion Nurse

“I believe the biggest impact of this new space is having Pharmacy and the Oncologist and Oncology PA right here. Patients can see their doctors for regular oncology appointments and receive infusion treatments all in one time frame instead of making two trips, which is more convenient and safer for the patient. And the teaching opportunities from the pharmacist to the patient and staff are so beneficial for everyone involved!”

What Our Patients Are Saying:

“I can’t believe we have such a beautiful place to come to in Grand Rapids, Minnesota! It sure beats driving to the cities or Mayo Clinic!”

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Theresa Fox, Pharm D, Lead Pharmacist

“The new infusion area allows nurses, pharmacists, and providers to operate as an integrated team to provide the best care possible for our patients. Information that was previously exchanged via phone call between members of the care team located in separate areas of the building can now be exchanged face to face, allowing us to collaborate more effectively to treat the patient as a whole. Patients have instant access to a pharmacist should they have any questions about the medications they are receiving or their side effects. This is the care model that we have hoped for!”
Because of You...

2018 BURGGRAF’S ACE HARDWARE CARING FORE KIDS CHARITY CLASSIC

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK RIGHT NOW

Grand Itasca patients now have the option to choose 3-D mammography, thanks in part to a $240,000 grant made possible by your gifts to Grand Itasca Foundation. The new technology provides more detailed pictures of the breast and has features that allow for greater patient comfort.

CARING FORE KIDS DOLLARS AT WORK:

- New bassinets in the Women’s Health & Birth birthing suites
- New iPads for the pediatric rehab team
- Grand Itasca teddy bears and gift cards for extra brave pediatric patients
- Pediatric therapy equipment and additional pediatric care training for staff
- SPOT vision screener for kid-friendly, hands-off vision issue detection
- Kidzspace gaming system for pediatric rehab waiting room and main clinic waiting room

Grand Itasca Foundation is so willing to do things that enhance the patient experience, whether it’s little things like chocolate and flowers for our patients or the new 3-D mammography machine.

—Kim Morse, RT(R)(M)
Mammography Technologist
Close to Home Capital Campaign Recap

The Close to Home capital campaign was established in Fall 2016 by a group of 18 volunteer community leaders, in partnership with Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital. The task at hand was to raise funds to bring the space in which we serve cancer and infusion patients up to the same standard of exceptional care that our patients have come to expect.

The campaign fundraising goal was $2 million, which would be used to transform existing hospital space into clinical space for a cancer clinic and infusion center.

The campaign kicked off publicly in February 2017, and within six months, the $2 million fundraising goal was exceeded.

Construction began in Summer 2017 and the doors to the current oncology clinic and infusion center accepted their first patient in February 2018, one year after the campaign launched. More than 500 donors graciously came together to make real the vision of creating a cancer clinic and infusion center that brings together the very best in medicine, comfort and compassionate care, close to home.

Because of You, Cancer & Infusion Care is Now Close to Home

Thank you to the hundreds of donors who gave generously to the Close to Home Campaign!

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*All of us at Grand Itasca are beyond grateful for the immeasurable contributions that Barb Arbour made to the Close to Home Campaign for Cancer Care. Barb’s incredible generosity, passion, and strength was a true gift to us all and will continue to inspire us every day.

To all of our community volunteers, Grand Itasca Foundation board members, and Grand Itasca staff who helped make the Close to Home Campaign a success, we are forever grateful!

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“Every person needs to be an advocate for the hospital, clinic, and the Foundation. There are a lot of things that make this place special!”

–Alice Fletcher, hospital volunteer,
Grand Itasca Foundation donor
(and was born at the hospital in 1943)

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We are your neighbors. We believe that the best relationships are built on trust. We believe in loyalty and integrity, and that our community is strong because we show up for each other in times of need. From bringing a pot of soup to your neighbor’s front door, to shoveling their driveway when they are ill, kindness flourishes here.

As the giving arm of Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital, we believe in working elbow-to-elbow with our providers and community to nurture a culture of generosity. In harnessing the collective giving power of our community. In being responsible stewards of that generosity and believing in the highest quality of care for our patients.

As the pace of the world becomes ever more frantic, we believe in slowing down. In listening, especially during the hardest moments. We believe in planting a seed today to create shade for our grandchildren tomorrow.

From our tiniest neighbors to our wisest souls, we believe that every person should have access to quality health care close to home.

We are humbled by your support, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds.

We hope you’ll continue to be a part of our journey.

- Kelly Kirwin and the Board of Grand Itasca Foundation