

Summer 2021

Dear Friend,

Thanks to your support, construction for expansion at the Baylor Scott & White Glenda Tanner Vasicek Cancer Treatment Center - Temple began in October 2020. The new 26,000 square-foot radiation oncology facility will be adjacent to the Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center and will allow patients to receive all cancer treatments in one location. It is estimated to be complete in the spring of 2022.

The Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center sees more than 2,000 *new* patients each year, with almost half of these patients needing radiation therapy as part of their cancer treatment. The expansion will include:

- ▶ Two new linear accelerators to deliver radiation therapy to help reduce the patients treatment time
- ▶ Optical Surface Mapping Services will allow for targeted radiation
- ▶ High Dose Rate Brachytherapy, an outpatient procedure which allows highly localized doses of radiation to be delivered to the tumor quickly with less damage to normal tissue and fewer side effects compared to some other treatments

We remain focused on providing the safe, quality care you have come to expect from us. Thank you for supporting us through your generous donations. We commit to continue to earn your trust.

Visit [CTXFoundation.BSWHealth.com/Temple](https://CTXFoundation.BSWHealth.com/Temple) to stay updated on areas of need in Temple and stories from your community.

We are deeply appreciative of your partnership and generous support. It means the world to us.

Sincerely,



Jana Sharpley, CFRE  
President  
Baylor Scott & White Central Texas Foundation

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## Traci is Cancer Free



Traci and her sister, Julie, at Traci's first treatment.

***“Ringing the bell was the best and sweetest thing I have ever done, especially while others were receiving their care. Hearing the bell gives cancer patients hope that their day will come soon.”***

On October 9, 2020, Traci thought she was having a severe side effect of COVID-19. She felt a pronounced lump on her neck she had never felt and decided to head straight to the emergency department at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Temple. Once there she underwent several tests and scans to determine what was going on. Her primary care physician immediately scheduled her to have a biopsy, and the unthinkable became reality. Traci had stage 2b Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Traci began infusions on October 23, 2020 at the recommendation of her oncologist. He provided her with the best treatment plans and Traci was given the resources to decide what was best for her and her family. As a single mother she never wanted to be a burden financially or emotionally on her daughter. Traci felt like the entire team at Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center was on her side and helped answer every question, provide resources, and to this day are available for support.

On February 25, 2021 Traci finished her last infusion treatment and was cancer free. She was able to ring the bell with her daughter by her side! Traci is grateful for donors like you that have made Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center an all-encompassing cancer center available to the Temple community and keeping patients from having to travel.

# Your Generosity At Work

## 2020/2021 Highlights: Vasicek Cancer Treatment Center

### Unique Patient Visits

**83,496** hematology/oncology

**10,415** radiation oncology

**9,125** surgical oncology

**6,662** OBGYN oncology

**5,347** pediatric hematology/oncology

**777** neurology oncology



In 2020, patients visited the Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center from more than **30 states** to receive care.

Additional support staff at the Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center includes oncology social workers, oncology chaplain, oncology psychiatrist, oncology dietitian, medication specialist, and genetic specialists. Many cancer centers are unable to offer all of these positions.



### Awards and Accreditations

- ★ In 2019, for the fourth consecutive cycle, Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center received the three-year accreditation through the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer®. Less than 0.5% of all cancer programs can claim such a distinction.
- ★ Maintains the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers® which is a 3-year accreditation.
- ★ Holds the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy
- ★ Holds the American College of Radiology® Breast Imaging Center of Excellence



Affiliated with Texas A&M School of Medicine offering the ACGME Accredited Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program

## Opportunities to Enhance Cancer Care

### Radiation Oncology Expansion



Construction on the new radiation oncology facility at the Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center



Renderings of the new radiation oncology facility at the Baylor Scott & White Vasicek Cancer Center

As the need has grown for radiation oncology so is the Baylor Scot & White Vasicek Cancer Center. Currently, an expansion is taking place to grow the radiation oncology department, providing all-encompassing care to patients under one roof. It will also provide a bright, airy, and peaceful space for patients. Through the generosity of donors like you, the radiation oncology expansion will service Temple and the surrounding communities.

### Nurse Navigators

Nurse Navigators help eliminate barriers to care and provide guidance, education, and emotional support throughout the challenging cancer journey. Establishing a Nurse Navigator Endowment Fund will allow patients continued care and support by a Nurse Navigator.



### Research

The Baylor Scott and White Research Institute has at least 100 cancer-related trials going on in Temple each year. This includes trials that are actively enrolling and those that are still open but no longer adding new patients. The research institute continues to grow and expand trials offered thanks to generous donors.



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