

FOUNDATION FOCUS

SUMMER 2026

A NEW KIND OF HEALING CLOSE TO HOME

EXPANDING CARE THROUGH INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

When the doors of the new TLC² Cancer Center opened this past April, they marked more than the arrival of a state-of-the-art facility; they represented a new vision for cancer care in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. One that recognizes that healing is not only about treatment, but about helping patients navigate everything that comes with a diagnosis.

At the heart of this vision is the new Integrative Medicine Center. Designed to complement, not replace, clinical cancer care, the program offers patients supportive therapies that help manage the physical and emotional challenges of cancer during and after treatment. Behavioral health and nutrition screenings were among the first services offered, laying the foundation for whole-person care, followed soon after by the introduction of acupuncture. And for many, the difference is immediate and profound.

In its first months, the demand has already spoken volumes. From late May through December 2025, the program delivered 510 acupuncture visits, evidence of a clear need in a region where access to these services has historically been limited. Nearly half of patients reported meaningful relief from symptoms such as pain, nausea, and anxiety. For patients in active treatment, that relief can mean the difference between enduring each day and truly living through it.



Now, with the opening of TLC², these services are fully integrated within the cancer center, eliminating the need for patients to travel to multiple locations or coordinate additional appointments during an already overwhelming time. It's a simple idea with a powerful impact: bring comprehensive care into one place, so patients can focus their energy where it matters most, on healing.

Massage therapy, newly launched in the center, is already beginning to grow. The program has started reaching patients both through scheduled sessions and through hand and foot massages offered twice weekly in the infusion area, meeting patients right where they are.

And this is only the beginning.

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A YEAR OF IMPACT, *A FUTURE OF HOPE*

As I reflect on all that was accomplished in 2025, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity of our donors, volunteers, community partners, and supporters. Together, we raised more than \$7 million to advance world-class healthcare for families across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. From helping launch the Service Is Our Passion Fund, to supporting critical pediatric initiatives through Children's Miracle Network, to funding projects that directly impact patient care and hospital advancement, your generosity continues to transform lives every day. These accomplishments are not simply numbers, they represent hope, healing, and opportunities for patients and families throughout our region.

As we look ahead, we are already seeing the impact of your generosity through the newly opened UMC TLC² Foundation Cancer Center, which is now serving patients and families across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico with compassionate, world-class cancer care close to home. This milestone represents what is possible when a community comes together around a shared vision. As we continue building on this momentum, we remain committed to investing in innovative programs, advancing patient care, and supporting the health and well-being of our community. Thank you for believing in our mission and partnering with us to make a lasting difference. Together, we are transforming healthcare and changing lives every day.

Thank you,



Misti Welch
Vice President & Chief Philanthropy Officer

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Raised over \$7 Million to advance world-class healthcare for families across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico



UMC Gala raised a HISTORIC \$1,062,450 to support patients across the region



Launched the Service Is Our Passion Fund assisting patients & families with needs beyond traditional care



Funded \$1.4 million for critical pediatric projects:

- Pediatric Emergency Center
- Infant Warmer
- Behavioral Health Services
- Diabetes Education for Children



Texas Tech Miracle Pennies Program Received the 2025 Best New Campus Program Award



Managed 65 Foundation funds and 16 endowments to ensure responsible allocation and accountability



Processed 53,113 generous gifts to support patient care across the health system



Funded \$3.3 Million in projects for patient care, equipment and hospital advancements

Thank you to our donors, partners, volunteers, and team members. Your generosity changes lives.

TINY BUT MIGHTY: ELLIE'S STORY OF COURAGE



At just two months old, Ellie's journey began with a challenge no child should ever face. Diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer, her first days of life quickly became filled with hospital rooms, treatments, and the quiet strength of a family determined to fight alongside her.

But Ellie proved early on that even the smallest warriors can carry the greatest strength.

Through months of treatment, Ellie faced every challenge with resilience, determination, and a spirit far bigger than her tiny frame. Doctors, nurses, and caregivers came to know her not only as a patient, but as a symbol of hope. Now, at six months old, she reached a milestone that once felt so far away. Surrounded by her family and care team, Ellie rang the bell, marking the end of her treatment and the beginning of a new chapter filled with joy, relief, and gratitude.

That day was not only special for Ellie and her loved ones, it was historic. Ellie became the very first pediatric patient to ring the bell at the new TLC² Foundation Cancer Center, forever etching her story into the heart of its mission.

Ellie may be tiny, but her story is mighty, a powerful reminder of what courage looks like, even in its smallest form. Her journey stands as a beacon of hope for other families walking similar paths and a testament to the life-changing impact of compassionate care, community support, and donors like you who help make stories like Ellie's possible.

MARK'S MEMO

At the opening ceremony of the UMC TLC² Cancer Center, all those present observed more than a beautiful, expansive building. The passionate work of our UMC Foundation and generous donors ushered in a new era of cancer care – founded on clinical research and offering HOPE for all those we will serve.

Hope was the theme on April 17 as a great crowd gathered to hear the Texas Tech School of Music trumpeters play Beethoven's Ode to Joy, echoing from the 3rd floor throughout the center.

Much gratitude was expressed to the TLC² Foundation, the John Wayne Cancer Foundation, and to the talented teams who built TLC² and those who will serve there. When the ribbon was cut in front, Ode to Joy was played again, this time a recording made by the Lubbock Symphony especially for the occasion.

Now, every time a patient rings the "victory bell" on the inside, Ode to Joy will be heard throughout the campus by way of speakers installed during construction. We want hope to echo through the campus. We are blessed with a terrific team of clinicians and doctors.

To our donors: Thank you for generously and effectively changing the landscape of cancer care for Lubbock and beyond.

Thank you,

Mark Funderbuck

President & Chief Executive Officer
UMC Health System



FROM PATIENT *TO PHILANTHROPIST*

DEANNA MCKINNEY'S STORY OF HOPE

In early 2022, Deanna McKinney was diagnosed with cancer. Just seven months later, her husband, Paul, received a pancreatic cancer diagnosis. What followed was a shared journey that tested their strength, deepened their faith, and reminded them of the power of facing hardship together.

During their treatments at UMC's Cancer Center, staff members made a simple but deeply meaningful choice: they scheduled Deanna and Paul's appointments at the same time. That thoughtfulness allowed them to sit side by side, holding hands, encouraging one another, and facing each day together. Even in the midst of hardship, they shared warmth and hope with those around them, uplifting fellow patients and caregivers alike.

After Paul's passing in November 2022, Deanna received a special gift from her sister, a fellow cancer survivor, a fabric panel titled "Things Cancer Cannot Do." As Deanna continued her healing journey, she felt called to transform the panel into something more. She carefully created a quilt, incorporating colors that represented both her diagnosis and Paul's, stitching together a tribute filled with meaning, remembrance, and resilience.



*"I praise our
Lord that we
have the UMC
Cancer Center"*

Recognizing the profound impact UMC's Cancer Center had on their lives, Deanna donated the quilt to the new facility, where it now stands as a symbol of love, faith, and hope for all who walk through its doors.

Today, Deanna continues to support the Cancer Center, helping ensure others experience the same exceptional care and human connection that meant so much to her and Paul.

Her generosity reflects a powerful truth: healing extends beyond treatment, it lives on through gratitude, service, and the desire to make a difference for others.

As Deanna shares, "I praise our Lord that we have the UMC Cancer Center and that it has a staff that is completely dedicated to their patients and families."

Learn about our Cancer Team Here:





EXPANDING CARE THROUGH INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE *continued from cover*

In the coming months, the Integrative Medicine Center will introduce affordable wellness classes, including seated yoga, meditation, and tai chi, designed to restore strength and reduce stress. At just five dollars per class, these programs help ensure financial barriers do not stand in the way of supportive care.

Creative therapies will soon follow, with journaling and art classes offering new ways for patients to process their experiences. Beginning this fall, a partnership with Texas Tech University will bring live music to the infusion space twice a week, providing comfort during treatment while giving students valuable clinical experience.

These programs reflect a growing understanding among patients: healing is not only clinical, it is emotional, physical, and deeply personal. And thanks to the generosity of donors, this level of care is becoming a reality in a region where it has long been out of reach.

But at its core, the mission remains simple: to ensure that every patient who walks through the doors of the TLC² Cancer Center knows they are supported—not just in their treatment plan, but in their whole journey. Because cancer care should do more than treat disease. It should help people live through it. And with your support, that is exactly what is happening here, every day.



CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK



IN THE COMMUNITY

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

- 424 Meals Served
- 6 CMN Miracle Families
- 65+ Volunteers
- \$23,247 Raised



K-12 MIRACLE PENNIES

- \$55.9k Raised for UMC Children's Hospital
- 6 New Schools
- 7 Fundraising Records
- Student-led, School-wide Campaigns

Miracle Pennies is a powerful example of kids helping kids, bringing together students, educators, families, and community leaders to make a meaningful difference for local children.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**JUNE
27**

KLAYS FOR KIDS



**AUG
21**

BUNCO BRUNCH



**SEPT
16**

CMN BROADCAST





Save the Date

Saturday, June 27, 2026
at **HUB CITY CLAYS**
(1475 CR 1, LUBBOCK, TX 79423)



To register, scan the QR code or call 806.775.8250



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SAVE THE DATE



AUGUST 21 • 11AM - 1PM
Doors open at 10AM • Auction, Brunch, Mimosas

SOCIAL HOUSE VENUE & EVENTS
5511 126th St #311, Lubbock, TX 79424

To register,
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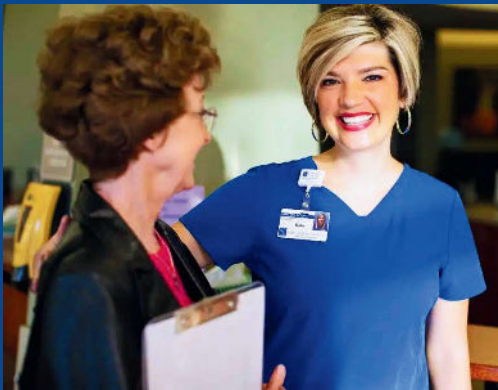


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WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CARE



YOUR IMPACT STARTS HERE



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At UMC, our mission is clear. Service Is Our Passion. Every day, that passion becomes action through expert care, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to the health of our community.

YOUR GENEROSITY FUELS THAT WORK.

Because of supporters like you, we are able to advance lifesaving treatments, invest in breakthrough technology, strengthen pediatric services, and provide compassionate care to every patient who walks through our doors.

There are many meaningful ways to make an impact. You may choose to support our area of greatest need, invest in UMC Children's Hospital, honor a caregiver or department through the Grateful Patient Program, or contribute to a program that reflects your heart for healing. Every gift is more than a donation. It is an investment in stronger outcomes, healthier families, and a future where excellence in care continues to lead our region.

The future of healthcare in West Texas is being built right now.

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP SHAPE WHAT COMES NEXT.

Please use the form below to make your gift and join us in advancing a bold vision for healing, hope, and community health.



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