

# Your Local Cancer Care

## BRINGING RADIATION TREATMENT TO MOSES LAKE

### Investment in Patient Care

Confluence Health's investment in the care of patients in the Columbia Basin continues to increase as the *Your Local Cancer Care* campaign builds more momentum and construction of a new facility to expand the capacity of the Moses Lake Clinic begins. These two separate projects will broaden the medical care available to our communities.

Now at 75% of its fundraising goal, the *Your Local Cancer Care* campaign will bring state-of-the-art cancer care to Moses Lake with the help of community donors, Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, and Confluence Health's hospital, physician group and foundation. Confluence Health will provide \$3.5 million to complete the project when \$3.5 million has been raised.

"Confluence Health wants to take every opportunity to improve the lives of patients in the Columbia Basin," said Abel Noah, Confluence Health Foundation vice president and executive trustee. "The *Your Local Cancer Care* campaign helps us to do that in a timely way while still expanding the care we can give to patients with other medical needs."

Construction began recently on a separate \$3 million Confluence Health facility in Moses Lake that will house vascular surgery, ophthalmology and general surgery services. Its 13 exam rooms and one room for surgical procedures will ease some of the pressure on the Moses Lake Clinic and provide more space for primary care services. Construction is expected to be completed in the summer of 2021.



### Rural Living with Modern Amenities

Residents in the wondrous and expansive Columbia Basin enjoy rural lifestyles that are far from the hassles of big cities. Moses Lake has the service amenities that most people need, but for those diagnosed with cancer, this beautiful landscape can become daunting.

Cancer patients living in the Columbia Basin who require radiation treatment travel to Wenatchee, Spokane, Tri-Cities, Seattle or out-of-state for treatment. Confluence Health and CBCF realize that this travel causes significant emotional, physical and financial stress on patients and their caregivers.



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## Improving Our Community

For James and Dorian Shank, involvement in the *Your Local Cancer Care* campaign is a clear extension of their passion for improving the Columbia Basin and the lives of their neighbors with cancer.

Dorian is a breast cancer survivor who, during her treatment three years ago, used the People For People Health Express Shuttle to make the hour-long trip to Confluence Health in Wenatchee for radiation therapy five days a week for six weeks.

"Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation supports the shuttle to bring this free service to the patients in and around Moses Lake," says Angel Ledesma, CBCF executive director.

"I wasn't able to take off work to take her there every day," says James, an Edward Jones Investments financial advisor in Moses Lake. "Usually, she was able to go into the facility, get her 15-to-20-minute treatment and catch the bus home. But there were days when she missed the trip back and would have to wait for the afternoon run. She'd be there a few hours. On the positive side, she made some good friendships with people in the same boat, but it could be difficult."



*Dorian and James Shank with their daughter Karlye*

James says many people drive themselves on the two-hour round trip and then go back to work despite the fatigue of treatment. He looks forward to the improvement for those and all patients lives when they can receive their treatment close to home and work. When the opportunity to give to the *Your Local Cancer Care* campaign was presented to the Shanks, they were happy to offer their support. James later joined the campaign committee to help with the \$3.5 million campaign.

"The most important thing we can do as citizens is to work to make our communities better," James says. "We are all intertwined. Only together can we overcome the trials and tribulations we face in society."

## PROJECT SCOPE

Provide local radiation oncology services for patients and their caregivers in the Columbia Basin

Bring state-of-the-art radiation treatment protocols to the Columbia Basin  
in a cost-effective, self-sustaining model of care

Grow CBCF's mission to include more local support services to cancer patients



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