

# THE OUTER BANKS HOSPITAL



## Because Cancer Touches Us All... We CAN Come Together as a Community

The Outer Banks Hospital has been focused on the CAN in cancer since 2014, when we decided that 1) we CAN have a cancer program nationally accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer; and 2) we CAN reduce the burden of cancer in our community through early detection and by providing evidence-based care.

Because we have been driving excellence and quality cancer care here locally for the past seven years, we have seen a significant change in our cancer mortality rates. In 2002, the year we opened The Outer Banks Hospital and 12 years before we started the Cancer Committee, our five-year cancer mortality rate (all sites, combined) was higher in our region compared to the state. In 2014, we began the arduous process of working toward the Commission on Cancer accreditation. Since then, our cancer mortality rate has steadily fallen.

For the period ending in 2018, we were at parity with the state for the first time, and the 2019 data shows that we are now 4% lower than the overall state cancer mortality rate.

Simply put, we went from a cancer death rate in our service area that was 7% higher than the state rate in 2002 to a rate 4% lower than the state's in 2019!

## Maintaining Power Over Cancer

We all know someone who has faced the devastating effects of cancer. This disease has touched all of us in its own distinctive way. That's why we embarked on the journey to build a state-of-the-art cancer center to house all of our outpatient cancer services under one roof. The vision of this campaign, along with our team of specialists, CAN ensure that our patients receive the highest-quality, expertly coordinated, compassionate cancer care.

Thanks to donors across the Outer Banks, we CAN offer hope to those facing the trauma of cancer. In fact, we asserted that we CAN move forward and break ground once we raise half of our total fundraising goal. On November 5, 2021, we surpassed the \$3 million mark, which is halfway to our campaign goal of \$6 million. In late spring 2022, we will break ground on this beautiful new center, which will be connected to our Radiation Therapy Center across the street from the hospital in Nags Head.

## Together we CAN Make the Dream a Reality!

One thing is for sure, the generosity of the Outer Banks community never ceases to amaze. When there is a cause, we come together to support it.

The Outer Banks Hospital has much to be grateful for, including the \$500,000 gift given by TowneBank, a long-time supporter of the programs funded by the hospital's Development Council. It goes to show that cancer touches everyone from all walks of life. While it's a commonality we'd all rather not share, the success of this campaign demonstrates that when the Outer Banks community comes together, we CAN make things happen.



The future Outer Banks Hospital Outpatient Cancer Center to be constructed and connected to our current, state-of-the-art Radiation Therapy Center in Nags Head.

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