2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- John Stoddard Cancer Center is ranked #1 as the Oncology market share leader in Central lowa.
- Dr. Crosby Rock joined the Radiation Oncology Department.
- Celebrated 10 years of the Adolescent & Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Program.
- Received full accreditation as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Program. The review committee was especially complimentary of the full spectrum of donor supported services.
- Dr. Andy Nish, Medical
 Director, was named a 2023
 Cancer Liaison Physician
 Outstanding Performance
 Winner by the American
 College of Surgeons.
- Rachael Johnson, RN,
 Manager, Powell 3 inpatient
 oncology unit, received the
 DAISY Leader Award for being
 an extraordinary role model.
- Mary Holcomb, RN, Powell 3 inpatient oncology unit, received a DAISY Award.
- Gina Mandernach, RN, BSN, OCN, Oncology Outreach Coordinator, was named to the 2023 list of Great Iowa Nurses.

Looking to the Future

The Oncology Navigator team has already expanded with the addition of a second Social Worker, Deanna Rudolph. This position will help navigate higher patient volumes and meet the increased demand for mental health counseling. The Oncology Navigation Team now is comprised of four Oncology Certified Nurses, two Social Workers, and a Financial Navigator.

The Charlie Cutler Healing & Wellness Program will continue to expand with more outpatient services and increasing the work being done in the Integrative Oncology Clinic.

In 2024, Stoddard Cancer Center will go through the reaccreditation process with the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC). Receiving care at a cancer center accredited by the NAPBC means you gain access to a full range of state-of-the-art cancer care services, clinical trials and a multidisciplinary team approach to coordinate the best cancer treatment options. Stoddard Cancer Center has been NAPBC accredited since 2014.

As we continue to see an increase in the number of patients treated at Stoddard Cancer Center, our facilities will likely need to grow to keep pace with demand. Planning is underway for what exactly that growth will look like in our technology and facilities for 2024 and beyond. Stay tuned for exciting details to come.

Your support makes this possible. Thank you.





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Your 2023 Impact

Thanks to you, John Stoddard Cancer Center continues to meet the unique health care needs of cancer patients throughout Des Moines and Iowa. **Donors helped with the following:**

- The Oncology Navigator Team expanded to include a brand-new position, a Financial Navigator who assists patients with removing financial barriers so they can focus on their care. There is a lot of stress and confusion when it comes to bills and insurance after a diagnosis. The Financial Navigator connects patients to financial resources and helps them understand the assistance programs they may be eligible for, ensuring they can continue their treatment uninterrupted.
- The second linear accelerator upgrade was completed in the Radiation Oncology department with the installation of a brand new TrueBeam replacing a 15-year-old piece of equipment.
- The Charlie Cutler Healing & Wellness program expanded to offer vouchers for outpatient massage therapy and acupuncture as well as added art therapy programming and a writing circle.

- Powell 3 inpatient oncology rooms were upgraded with new recliners and refurbished couches to ensure a comfortable and therapeutic atmosphere we know is important for patients and families.
- The It Takes You Comprehensive Campaign exceeded the \$6 million fundraising goal over the past 3 years.



"I had to focus on getting well and my care team went through the journey with me, every step of the way. It was such a stress relief." - May Your gifts helped ensure patients and their families had the support they needed throughout their cancer journeys. Take a look at some of the things your support made possible in 2023. You made a difference!

YOU HELPED ...



Connect **1,114** patients to the Oncology Navigator program.



Provide **7,293** meals through Meals that Matter and offer virtual nutrition classes to more than **90** participants through Meals that Matter at Home.



Support **122** patients and families through our What's On Your Mind? free counseling program.



Provide music therapy to 146 patients.



Provide **396 hours** of massage therapy and comfort for patients and families.



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NUMBER OF DONORS 1,236

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NUMBER OF GIFTS MADE IN HONOR OF A PATIENT OR CARE PROVIDER 58

As more and more people choose John Stoddard
Cancer Center for care, we continue to add team members and services to meet the needs of the community. Your support makes a difference in helping provide these lifechanging and life-saving programs to cancer patients and families when they need it most.

