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The Dorothy G. Griffin Radiation Oncology Center, due to open in June

### **\$1 Million Anonymous Gift Brings Roswell Park and Oneida Healthcare Closer to \$12 Million Campaign Goal**

Philanthropic gifts to joint effort will support cancer care facilities serving residents in Central New York

- Oneida Cancer Care campaign aims to increase access to Roswell Park's expertise in CNY
- New and renovated cancer facilities to provide access to NCI-quality care for CNY patients
- Fundraising & state grant have contributed more than \$10M toward campaign goal of \$12M

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and Oneida Healthcare announced they have received a \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor to their joint capital campaign. Along with other donations, this generous philanthropic gift will assist in the completion of a three-phase project that will provide expanded access to Roswell Park's National Cancer Institute (NCI) level cancer care to residents of Central New York.

As the first phase of the campaign, Oneida Healthcare and Roswell Park opened a new infusion center in Madison County in the fall of 2017, as part of a medical oncology affiliation with Roswell Park, which includes 12 infusion suites, four clinical exam rooms, a telemedicine conference center, and a consultation room. In June of this year the second phase, the Dorothy G. Griffin Radiation Oncology Center, will be completed as a joint effort between the two healthcare providers. The final phase will be the expansion of Oneida Healthcare's imaging services with the installation of a new state-of-the-art 3 Tesla MRI, PET/CT and a second 3D Mammography unit at the Alice M. Gorman Imaging Center. All three services will be conveniently located on the Oneida Healthcare campus.

“The support of our generous donors continues to play a vital role in providing access to the highest quality of care, close to home,” said Gene Morreale, President and CEO of Oneida Healthcare. “With the continued growth of our oncology program and the expansion of our outpatient imaging services, we will be able to provide patients with state-of-the-art diagnostics, local access to NCI cancer care guidelines, and to the latest treatment options from a comprehensive cancer center ranked among the top 3% nationwide. Without our generous donors, this would not be possible.”

The anonymous donation follows a \$250,000 gift made to the campaign by Community Bank N.A. and Oneida Savings Bank Charitable Foundation in late 2018, to be given across five years and help cover renovations, construction and leading-edge technology in the new facilities. \$100,000 will come from Community Bank N.A., and \$150,000 from Oneida Savings Bank Charitable Foundation.

Together with the gift from the banks, other philanthropic contributions and a \$6.75 million grant awarded by the New York State Department of Health in 2016, this generous \$1 million gift brings the total raised for the campaign to more than \$10 million of the \$12 million goal for the three-phase project.

“Expanding the reach of our care to Madison County is vital to our mission, and I want to express our thanks to this generous anonymous donor for helping make it possible,” says Candace S. Johnson, PhD, President and CEO of Roswell Park. “Having this kind of nearby access to Roswell Park’s nationally recognized cancer care will mean all the difference to Central New York patients who otherwise would have to travel three to four hours each way to Buffalo for their treatment. I am grateful to everyone who has given to this campaign and brought us to this point.”

Individual gifts to support this project can be made online at [give.roswellpark.org/Oneida](https://give.roswellpark.org/Oneida) or by calling Roswell Park at 716-845-1338.

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#### About Roswell Park

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center is a community united by the drive to eliminate cancer’s grip on humanity by unlocking its secrets through personalized approaches and unleashing the healing power of hope. Founded by Dr. Roswell Park in 1898, it is the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in Upstate New York. Learn more at [www.roswellpark.org](https://www.roswellpark.org), or contact us at 1-800-ROSWELL (1-800-767-9355) or [ASKRoswell@roswellpark.org](mailto:ASKRoswell@roswellpark.org).

#### About Oneida Healthcare

Oneida Healthcare serves an area comprised of approximately 29 communities in Madison and western Oneida counties with a population of approximately 100,000. Operated by Oneida Health Systems, Inc, a New York State not-for-profit corporation, the organization includes a 101-bed acute care hospital, emergency department, state of the art surgery center, 160-bed extended-care and short-term rehab facility, primary care offices, internal medicine, comprehensive lab services, home medical equipment, comprehensive imaging services, outpatient therapy, and care specialties in: oncology, neurology, podiatry, vascular, sleep, OB/GYN, orthopedics, wound care, and ENT. To learn more about Oneida Healthcare, visit [www.oneidahealthcare.org](https://www.oneidahealthcare.org).