

Cancer will NOT have the last word ...

Community leaves its mark on new Richardson Regional Cancer Center

Richardson Regional Medical Center recently invited the community to express messages of hope, health and courage on the unfinished walls of the new comprehensive cancer center under construction on the Bush/Renner Campus.

Cancer patients, survivors, families and friends gathered to write messages that will forever be sealed within its walls.

Messages ranged from "God bless this cancer center" to "we will fight until cancer is eradicated" and "thank you, Richardson Regional." Many people left personal memorials to loved ones

who were lost to cancer. Several survivors also left their mark on the facility.

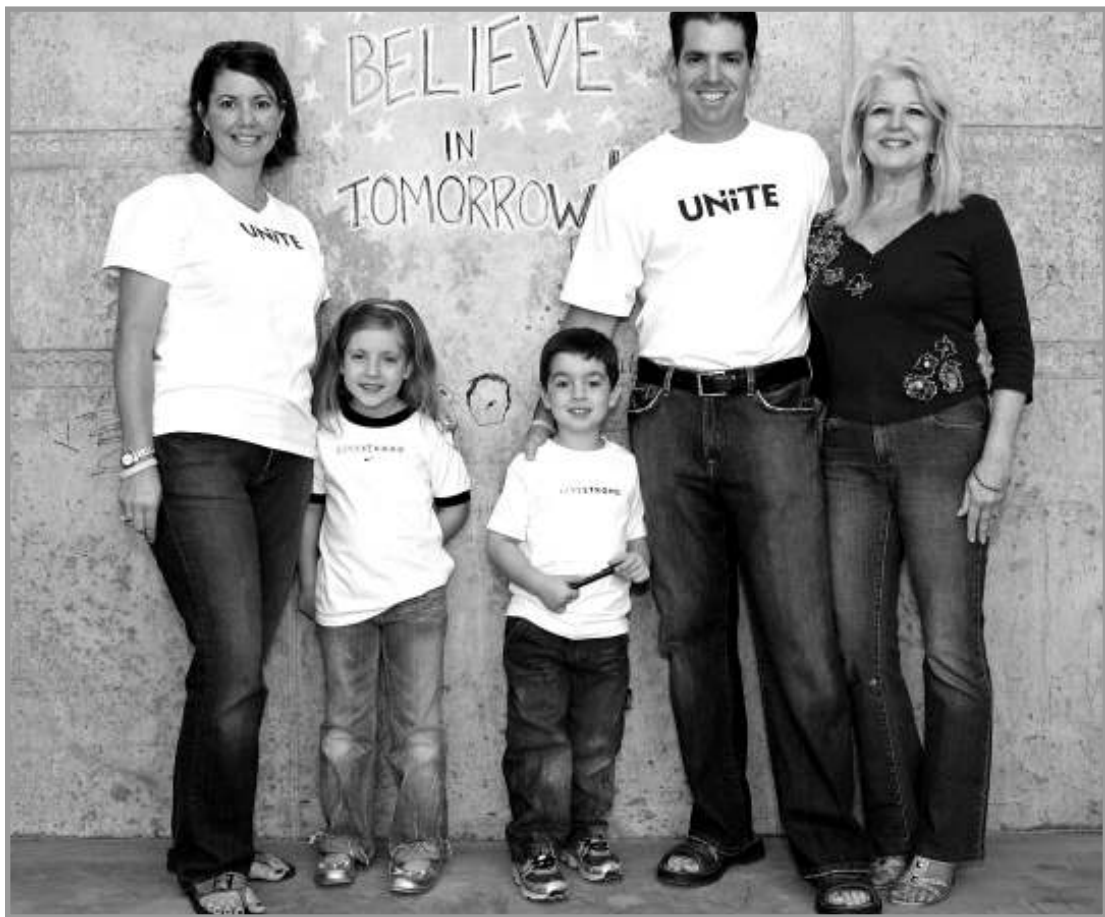
The 50,000-square-foot comprehensive cancer center, already under construction, will sit on a 20.5-acre campus that also includes a five-story physician pavilion, which opened in 2004, and a 47,000-square-foot outpatient hospital currently under construction.

The facility will provide cancer patients with a complete array of diagnostic equipment, new drug therapies as part of clinical research programs and numerous treatment options. Residents living in Richardson, Plano, North



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Megan Thornton of Plano signs the wall at Richardson Regional Cancer Center.



Lee Nagel of Plano, a 2 1/2-year cancer survivor, with daughter Sara, 6, son Drew, 4, husband Steve, and mother-in-law Beverly Nagel of Dallas.

Dallas, Wylie, Sachse, Murphy, Parker, Garland and other communities can stay close to home and still have access to high quality care by physicians in medical, surgical, and radiation oncology.

The Bush/Renner expansion project will cost almost \$41 million and is funded through a combination of tax-exempt bonds, local government funding and private contributions. The Richardson Regional Medical Center Foundation launched the capital campaign, "Cancer Should Not Have the Last Word," with a goal to raise at least \$5 million in order to receive a \$4 million economic challenge grant from the



Frances Leung of Plano, with the Richardson Regional Asian Breast Health Outreach Program, with her 9-year-old daughter Sharon and 10-year-old son Bryan.



Bill Harper of Richardson, Richardson Regional Cancer Center Foundation board member.



Richard Ramey, Richardson Regional Cancer Center Foundation Board vice chair, and wife Rena.



Above, Sam Alvey of Richardson, and Nick Alvey, right.



Dr. Barry Levinson, medical director of Richardson Regional Cancer Center, talks with volunteers.

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