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Community Hospital to Break Ground on James Pulsipher Regional Cancer and Medical Office Building

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital will break ground on the James Pulsipher Regional Cancer Center and medical office building on Wednesday, September 15 at 10:00 am. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new 130,000 square foot building will take place on the west side of the hospital campus at 2351 G Road near the labor and delivery entrance. With the growth and continued success of Community Hospital and Grand Valley Oncology, the need for additional space is paramount in order to better support the health care needs of western Colorado and eastern Utah.

“We are extremely proud of this project,” said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. “This project is our hospital’s commitment to our partners to build a state-of-the-art regional cancer center and continue to develop our highly sought after cancer treatment program with the best possible medical and radiation oncologists in the region. It is the culmination of the commitment we made to our community and the oncology providers and staff who joined us eight years ago to start a new cancer program at Community Hospital. We have been in the planning process for a couple of years and we are thrilled to finally begin construction on this project. Grand Valley Oncology is one of our fastest growing service lines. In less than ten years, Grand Valley Oncology has become the premier cancer center on the Western Slope because of the incredible leadership of JoAnne Virgilio, DO and the stellar team of medical and radiation oncologists and dedicated staff,” added Thomas.

Community Hospital’s Grand Valley Oncology is a Commission on Cancer accredited program. Grand Valley Oncology earned the prestigious recognition of Patient-Centered Specialty Practice by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The Patient-Centered Specialty Practice recognition is highly coveted and underscores Community Hospital’s commitment to providing the highest quality health care possible to patients in western Colorado and eastern Utah. Today, Grand Valley Oncology is one of the largest cancer centers in the area, offering a full range of cancer treatment options including medical and radiation oncology, gynecological oncology, genetic counseling, social services, clinical trials, and a survivorship program.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve cancer patients in our community for the past 30 years”, said JoAnne Virgilio, DO, Medical Oncologist at Community Hospital’s Grand Valley Oncology. “Building the new regional cancer center has been a dream of ours since joining Community Hospital in 2014. Our oncology team is extremely humbled by the overwhelming support of our community. To see this project finally come to fruition is very exciting and we look forward to serving cancer patients in the Grand Valley and surrounding areas for many more years to come,” added Dr. Virgilio.

Community Hospital is a Level III Trauma Center offering full outpatient diagnostic services and inpatient care for the Western Slope region of Colorado and eastern Utah. Community Hospital brings together expert staff and world-class technology in a healing, family-centered environment. For more information, please visit www.YourCommunityHospital.com.