

Building for our Future: Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital

Much has changed since the 1966 founding of the Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital. Those 43-years have witnessed advancements and breakthroughs in the medical field, the development and use of technology in medical procedures and the evolution and renovation of the hospital's buildings, equipment, and décor. Yet one aspect of Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital has been constant for those last 43-years, unwavering regardless of the patient, the treatment, or the circumstance: the core values of excellence, integrity, and compassion while doing what is best for the patient.

These are the same values current GVCH vice president Diane Wisby found when she joined the staff as an Associate Administrator in 1993 and continues to abide by today. "We're proud of the excellent quality of care we provide our patients," said Wisby. "Our staff is a skilled and compassionate group of individuals."

Located at the corner of Hollister and Patterson avenues, Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital has served the families of the Goleta Valley region with distinction and a dedication to personal service and kindhearted care. And they look forward to continuing this tradition to excellence with a new \$103 million facility that broke ground in mid 2009 with completion scheduled for early 2012.

This new facility will ensure we continue to provide the level of care our community deserves and needs," confirmed Diane Wisby, adding, "We're being thoughtful in how to build for the future."

This new two-story state-of-the-art community and surgical subspecialty hospital will significantly increase the size, functionality and resources made available. Features of this new facility will include:

- 20 Emergency Department treatment rooms
- All private patient rooms designed to promote healing
- 6 surgical suites
- A dedicated endoscopy suite
- 44 Medical/Surgical rooms
- 8 Intensive Care Unit rooms
- 4 hyperbaric oxygen chambers in our Center for Wound Management

Secured to a base of more than 2300 seismically-engineered rock columns, the foundation of the new Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital is now nearing completion.

During the next two years, our community will witness the creation of a new 152,000-square-foot two-story hospital that will provide our renowned caregivers a more modern, spacious, and technologically sophisticated medical center in which to care for our patients. The construction will also position the hospital and Cottage Health System to respond to the future healthcare needs of the region.

The new Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital has an estimated total cost of \$114 million. Funds to pay for the construction will come from hospital operations, tax-exempt bonds and community donations through a fund raising drive to raise \$14 million toward the total rebuilding cost. Already more than \$9.5 million has been raised toward this goal.

For more information about the new hospital and the fund raising campaign to make it a reality, please contact the Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation at (805) 681-6468.