Breaking New Ground

Carroll Hospital launches three major construction projects as part of its Vision 2020 strategic plan

Many hospitals speak metaphorically about creating a “blueprint for better health.” Carroll Hospital, however, is literally drafting one.

It’s all part of Vision 2020, the hospital’s seven-year strategic plan that was launched in 2013. Now in its final phases, the plan is ushering in a host of major construction projects that will reshape the hospital’s physical footprint and its ability to care for the community.

“Our goal with this construction phase is to expand and streamline our services and modernize our facilities,” explains Leslie Simmons, president of Carroll Hospital and executive vice president of LifeBridge Health. “Ultimately, that means a better workflow for our teams and a better experience for our patients and families.”

The hospital isn’t wasting time either. Ground has already broken on the two largest projects: a $15 million newly constructed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center, located at Gust and Washington roads, and a $54 million main campus expansion, which will be anchored by an all-new critical care unit (CCU). Construction on a third project—the $3.5 million expansion of Carroll Hospice’s inpatient facility, Dove House—is set to begin in June 2020. (See pages 4-5 for details on each project.)

Not all of these projects were part of the original plan. Simmons says the hospital’s strategy has continuously evolved to meet the changing needs of the community and capitalize on new opportunities to better serve patients.

“When we started Vision 2020, a skilled nursing facility was not on our list,” she explains. “LifeBridge Health leadership actually brought the concept to us after we joined forces in 2015. And we were just over-the-moon excited about it. We knew that having a facility right here on campus would give our community an unprecedented level of access to more convenient, more coordinated short- and long-term care.”

The expansions of Carroll Hospital’s main campus and Carroll Hospice’s Dove House were always part of the plan, however. Both projects caught the attention of Maryland State Delegate Susan Krebs, who sits on the Carroll Hospital Foundation board and chairs the Carroll Hospice board. She immediately set to work in Annapolis to help secure funding.

She and her District 5 colleagues—Senator Justin Ready, Delegate April Rose and Delegate Haven Shoemaker—succeeded in securing $800,000 for the CCU renovation from the state’s Hospital Bond Program. The delegation also successfully petitioned Governor Larry Hogan and Budget Secretary David Brinkley for funding for Carroll Hospice’s Dove House expansion and was able to secure an additional allocation from Capital Budget Chair Adrienne Jones for a total of $650,000 toward the project.

“Both Governor Hogan and Secretary Brinkley are huge supporters of hospice,” says Del. Krebs. “We’re very thankful that they included Carroll Hospice in the state budget in this way.”

“The governor, secretary and District 5 legislators have been integral in helping us make these projects feasible,” adds Simmons. “We owe them—and everyone who has donated to these projects thus far—a debt of gratitude for being champions for us. We all listen to our community. We hear what the community needs. And it’s pretty awesome to have the support and strength to answer the call.”

Track Our Progress
Visit CarrollHospitalCenter.org/Expansion for regular updates and photos from the hospital’s Vision 2020 construction projects.
A ROAD MAP TO Vision 2020 Construction Projects

Over the next few years, Carroll Hospital’s campus will evolve to ensure we’re providing the highest quality care to you and your family. Here are some of the changes you can expect to see.

**White Rabbit Thrift Shop**

Opening late 2019 at 555 South Center Street in Westminster

**Allee Hill, a NEW Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**

- Brinton Woods at Winfield will be relocated to this new short- and long-term care center for patients recovering from illness, injury or surgery
- 40 private rooms
- 10 semi-private rooms
- Coordinated, convenient care with all Carroll Hospital and LifeBridge Health specialists and services

**Carroll Hospice Dove House Expansion**

- 6 NEW inpatient beds (taking the total from 8 to 14) to ensure more patients can get the highest level of hospice care when needed
- A family lounge for loved ones to gather
- An enhanced nursing station and welcome desk for optimized workflow
- Expanded bereavement support for families, a non-reimbursable service that’s provided for 13 months after a family’s loss

**Carroll Hospital Main Campus Expansion**

**Critical Care Unit (CCU) Expansion**

- A newly redesigned unit dedicated to caring for the sickest of the sick patients, such as those recovering from a car accident, stroke or heart attack
- All private rooms
- Glass front walls for constant nurse monitoring and faster response times
- Double the room size to allow loved ones to be more involved in the patient’s care

**Estimated Projected Completion: Spring 2021**

**Estimated Projected Completion: Winter 2022**

**Additional Expansion Features**

- A dedicated observation unit for Emergency Department (ED) patients who require extended medical evaluation
- A NEW specialized Pediatric ED and inpatient unit, streamlining care for our youngest patients
- A more accessible cafeteria, which will be relocated from the basement to the hospital’s main level for a better visitor experience
- A relocated and expanded imaging suite
- Consolidation of our peri-operative and post-operative areas

**MORE VISION 2020 Success Stories**

Here are just some of the highlights of what Carroll Hospital has accomplished this year alone. For a complete update on Vision 2020’s progress, go to CarrollHospitalCenter.org/Vision2020 and download our latest report.