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### **BOTHWELL FOUNDATION RECEIVES MAJOR CONTRIBUTION** *Sedalia family makes \$1 million donation to cancer and cardiovascular centers*

The Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation announced today its largest gift received to date for the "For Your Health, Close to Home" capital campaign.

Jeff and Cara Canon, owners of [ProEnergy Services](#), have donated \$1 million to the campaign to expand cancer and cardiovascular services at Bothwell. The addition on the east side of the health center will be named the Canon Centers for Cancer and Cardiovascular Care in honor of the Canon family and their contribution to the community.

The Canons said they felt compelled by their faith and gratitude to contribute to the project, which will allow Bothwell to continue to provide quality care to a greater number of cancer and cardiovascular patients in a more comfortable environment.

"We really feel that God led us to make this gift on behalf of all our employees," said Cara Canon, who serves as marketing director for the energy services provider. "We have been able to grow our business because of the hard work of our employees,



Jeff and Cara Canon, owners of ProEnergy Services, have donated \$1 million to the Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation's "For Your Health, Close to Home" campaign to help fund construction of a new addition for cancer and cardiovascular services at the hospital. From left are: John Steven, ProEnergy vice president of sales; Mary McIntosh, co-chair of the foundation's Capital Campaign Steering Committee; John Dawes, president and CEO of Bothwell Regional Health Center; Cara Canon, ProEnergy director of marketing; Dave Floyd, president of the Bothwell Foundation Board of Directors; Melia Douglass, director of the Bothwell Foundation; Joe Fischer, co-chair of the foundation's Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

which in turn allowed us to make this donation. This gift is a way we can recognize our employees and the community that has welcomed us so warmly.”

Joe Fischer, who co-chairs the Foundation’s capital campaign steering committee, said the Canons’ contribution is truly a gift to the community, given that cancer and heart disease are the most prevalent health issues in the area.

“The Canons’ generous gift will help make it possible for our friends and family to continue receiving exceptional care while enjoying the comforts of being close to home,” Fischer said.

The \$1 million donation shows the Canons’ commitment to the community, as well as the importance of the project, said Foundation Director Melia Douglass.

“This gift illustrates how much the Canons care about the community,” she said. “They were able to see that the expansion of cancer and cardiovascular care and having quality health care are vital to the growth of their business, along with other businesses in the community.”

The Canons’ gift brings the Foundation within \$500,000 of its \$3.5 million goal.

“We are hoping with this gift that others in the community will come on board and help us finish strong,” Douglass said.

Donors can still memorialize or honor loved ones through naming opportunities of patient care areas and rooms. They can also purchase bricks that will be used to create a path inside the tranquility garden, where cancer patients and their families can enjoy fresh air and solitude.

The campaign is scheduled to end July 31. All contributions, including gifts of stocks or property, are 100 percent tax deductible. To [make a donation](#) or for more information about the campaign, contact Douglass at 660-826-6263. Donations are also accepted at [brhc.org](http://brhc.org).

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 180-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, endovascular/cardiac, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the website at [www.brhc.org](http://www.brhc.org).