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Rush Commercial Teams to Build Tacoma's Carol Milgard Breast Center

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Delivering on their company tradition which emphasizes extensive building experience, industry partnerships, and valuable ownership insights, Rush Commercial celebrated the opening of the Carol Milgard Breast Center (CMBC) in Tacoma, Washington on February 23, 2009.

CMBC offers screening and diagnostic services, including digital mammography, breast ultrasound, breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), breast biopsy, and bone density services. Support programs are hosted for patients, survivors, and their families as well as educational programs for both physicians and members of the community. Named in honor of a long-time Tacoma resident and 30-year breast cancer survivor, the CMBC was possible in large part due to the generous donation of the Gary E. Milgard Family Foundation. Located at 4525 South 19th Street,

CMBC is conveniently located near Highway 16, offering easy commuter access and ample parking space. The opening of the not-for-profit facility culminates a community collaboration of more than three years and brings together the resources and skills of the Franciscan Health System, Multicare Health System and TRA Medical Imaging. Director of Facilities for Franciscan Health System, Wade Moberg, praised the project, calling it world class.

"We're fortunate to have partnered

latest and most innovative community clinic to date."

As partners in this venture, Rush Commercial managed the project from the onset with the goal to deliver an aesthetically pleasing facility coupled with state-of-the-art technologies – on time and within budget. "We've always known this building was special because of its prime location," says founder and owner Gordon Rush. "We had a comprehensive understanding of how to select the best materials and methods of constructing a

space that would fiscally deliver the look and feel they wanted."

That "look and feel" includes a comfortable, spa-like interior, which offers each patient the highest quality breast imaging available and a calm, peaceful atmosphere.

"The primary design intent was to remove the sterile, clinical feel to the facility and replace it with a warm, welcoming environment," explains Rush Vice President of Business Development, Jarrod Fenberg. "This facility provides total breast health imaging care,



Carol Milgard Breast Center in Tacoma, WA

with Rush in developing several community clinic facilities as well as our recently completed world class, state-of-the-art Breast Center," Moberg said. "Rush continues to deliver the best value for our dollar without compromising on our vision as is evident with our

delivered in a resort-like setting.”

As patients enter CMBC, they interact with staff at a concierge desk; from that initial contact, patients are directed to various imaging services. Warm colors are utilized throughout the center with stone, wood and glass adding to the overall sense of comfort in the facility. Direct and indirect light enhance the center’s open feeling, with curved walls and radius ceilings adding to the texture of the interior. Patients enter large, private dressing rooms, where they change into robes and proceed to exam rooms that feature warm woods and wood-grained flooring. “We worked with our design teams to provide a unique, comprehensive facility that has a touch of femininity to it while providing leading-edge technologies,” says Fenberg.

Doing business for more than twenty-two years, locally owned Rush Commercial provides contracting services for every step required to complete a project, CMBC is an outstanding example of that com-

mitment to excellence, according to Dale Anderson, Principal Architect, at BCRA. “It’s a pleasure to partner with Rush Commercial in bringing our collective expertise to the table for CMBC. This facility is a wonderful addition to the South Puget Sound Community,” he says. “The collaborative efforts of the whole team are apparent when you experience the harmony between aesthetics and function. Rush’s ability to turn our expressions of creativity into reality has made the Center a beautiful space.”

Beautiful, as well as focused on quality care for the patient, CMBC features the most technologically advanced equipment operated by the most highly trained medical professionals and board-certified radiologists in the region. According to Medical Director Khai Tran, MD, “This high quality diagnostic care significantly reduces the time from screening to diagnosis – enabling patients and their physicians to make treatment plans in a timelier manner. We knew that women

needed a place that combined the best technology available with a holistic, restful environment.”

Adds Fenberg. “We’re proud that Rush Commercial played a role in bringing this much needed center to the Tacoma area.”

The vision of the CMBC was to have a center that ensured patient privacy and dignity while they obtained the finest care in the region, according to Marcy Parsons, Program Director, CMBC. Adding that the Rush team showed incredible dedication to meeting the goals of the Center, she also praised Rush for bringing the project in under budget. Moberg concurs. “Rush Commercial is more than a design-build company; we consider them a valuable partner in all our projects. Whether they have competitively bid a job or negotiated work, we have always found them to be one of the most cost effective contractors we’ve worked with in the South Sound.” For more information on Rush Commercial visit www.rushcommercial.com or call 253-858-3636.

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