

Harold James Family Trust Supports Expansion of YRMC's Heart Center

This fall, Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC) celebrates the three-year anniversary of its Heart Center by unveiling its expanded, centralized and re-designed state-of-the-art home at YRMC West.

“In just three years, YRMC’s Heart Center has become a premier heart program,” said Tim Barnett, YRMC’s president and CEO. “Thanks to our two nationally recognized heart surgeons—Drs. Tibi and Lee—and an outstanding team of nurses and technologists, the Center has exceeded all expectations.”

The Center’s work also has been noted by Prescott-area philanthropist, Ron James, president of the Harold James Family Trust. A \$1 million pledge by the Trust will help bring about the Heart Center’s expansion.

“We’re extremely proud that the expanded Heart Center will bear the name of these generous supporters and valued community leaders,” Barnett said. “The James Family Heart Center at YRMC West is an exceptional name for an exceptional facility.”

According to Ron James, the decision to support the Center was influenced by numerous factors, including: the high quality care provided by the Heart Center team and the community healthcare need addressed by the facility.

“It gives area residents great relief to know YRMC is here and qualified to help them with something as important as heart surgery,” said James. “The community should be proud of what YRMC has undertaken on its behalf.”

The James Family Heart Center at YRMC West is being renovated with the comfort of patients and families in mind. With the relocation to the second floor of YRMC West, the Heart Center’s Progressive Care Unit (PCU) will increase from eight to 14 private rooms. By centralizing the Heart Center, patients undergoing procedures in either of its two heart surgery suites or its two Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory rooms will remain in the Heart Center throughout their respective hospitalizations.

“The support of the Harold James Family Trust allows us to take the Heart Center to an even higher level,” said Pierre R. Tibi, MD, FACS, medical director, Cardiothoracic Surgery at YRMC. “When we launched the Heart Center, it was with the commitment from all involved that our program would be equivalent to the best open heart programs anywhere in the United States. This gift allows us to continue that commitment. We’re proud that YRMC’s Heart Center will bear the James name.”

According to Dr. Tibi, YRMC's Heart Center volume is consistent with most hospitals in Phoenix and many urban centers in the Southwest. YRMC's comprehensive heart program includes the following services and facilities to care for heart patients from diagnosis to treatment to recovery:

- Adult Cardiothoracic Surgery (*heart and lung*)
- Dedicated Cardiovascular Operating Suites
- Vascular Surgery
- Cardiac Catheterization and Angiography
- Interventional Radiology
- Cardiology
- Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit
- Progressive Care Unit
- Cardiac Rehabilitation/Preventive Medicine (*Pendleton Centers*)

The Harold James Family Trust was founded in 1985. Since then, the Trust has supported numerous YRMC projects as well as many Prescott-area organizations including the Elks Opera House, Harold James YMCA Community Center and Phippen Museum.

For more information about The James Family Heart Center at YRMC West, contact YRMC's Community Relations Department at (928) 771-5686.