

FACT SHEET

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BACKGROUND The Katzen Cancer Research Center was established in 2008 at The George Washington University Medical Center (GWUMC) through a \$10 million gift from Dr. Cyrus and Myrtle Katzen. Located in the heart of Washington, DC, a metropolitan area with the highest cancer mortality rates in the country, the Katzen Cancer Research Center is well positioned to accelerate the recruitment of top researchers and clinicians to develop and deliver innovative approaches to treating cancer and improving the quality of life for cancer survivors.

MISSION The mission of the Katzen Cancer Research Center is to foster pioneering scientific research, superior clinical care, and advanced education dedicated to improving the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer.

FOCUS Areas of focus for the Center include oncogenomics, which is the study of how cancer operates at the genetic level; tumor cell biology; experimental therapies; and molecular and cellular oncology, which is the study of cancer cell and molecule functions.

FACILITY In conjunction with the GW Medical Faculty Associates and The George Washington University Medical Center, the Katzen Cancer Research Center has built a groundbreaking, multi-disciplinary cancer treatment and care center focused on the individualized effects of cancer, from diagnosis to survival, for people with cancer and their families. The new Center will enable more patients to participate in cutting-edge clinical trials. The Center is designed to help patients heal faster and live longer.

The facility features:

- Architecture and design that is “inspired by nature” to provide a serene and beautiful environment where patients receive treatment.
- Nineteen individualized, private healing suites for patients and their caregivers, including wireless Internet access, movies, and relaxing music.
- A Meditation Room for patients and family to connect mind and body. Meditation has shown to improve treatment outcomes and negative mood, and release stress.
- A Survivorship Resource Center that offers tangible support. Wigs for chemotherapy patients, make-up, and patient resource notebooks that help patients and survivors track their care are available at the Survivorship Resource Center.
- A Patient Education Library that contains information about diseases, nutrition, and support groups that empowers patients and their families by providing them with as much information as possible.
- A convenient location inside the GW Medical Faculty Associates facility with easy access to medical offices and a pharmacy.

BENEFACTORS

Dr. Cyrus Katzen is the owner and president of Mozel Development Corporation and Culmore Realty Company, which has helped develop properties such as Tysons Corner and Crystal City. He also has had successful careers in banking and dentistry, and is known for inventing an automatic processing system for medical and dental x-ray film. Six members of the Katzen family have attended GW, including four who earned MD degrees. Dr. Katzen often speaks of the high quality of care given to his first wife, Sylvia, who died in 1980, at GW Hospital during her 10-year battle with cancer.

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LOCATION

The Katzen Cancer Research Center at The George Washington University in Washington, DC is located in the GW Medical Faculty Associates building at 22nd & I Streets and is accessible via the Foggy Bottom Metro stop.

GWUMC

The George Washington University Medical Center is an internationally recognized interdisciplinary academic health center that has provided high-quality medical care in the Washington, DC metropolitan area since 1824. The Medical Center comprises the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the 11th oldest medical school in the country; the School of Public Health and Health Services, the only such school in the nation's capital; GW Hospital, jointly owned and operated by a partnership between The George Washington University and a subsidiary of Universal Health Services, Inc.; and the GW Medical Faculty Associates, an independent faculty practice plan.

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