

Healthcare

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It's no secret that the West Valley has experienced immense growth in the last decade, now exceeding 1.8 million residents. In order to match the exponential growth throughout the region, additional healthcare options needed to be provided for its residents.

In doing so, hospitals, pediatric facilities, specialty clinics, emergency rooms, and more began to break ground.

Phoenix Children's expanded into the West Valley, opening in Glendale and two facilities in Avondale. Phoenix Children's Arrowhead campus, southwest, freestanding emergency department and Avondale sports medicine clinic totaled \$200 million in investment and nearly 700 new jobs for the region.

Further west, Buckeye is slated to open Abrazo Health's 27-acre medical campus on the southwest corner of 1-10 and Verrado Way. The land purchase is one of the many efforts made to fuel the rapid growth of what has been deemed the fastest growing city in the nation.

To continue the influx of healthcare options in the West Valley, on February 6, El Mirage welcomed the community to a groundbreaking ceremony on what will be the city's first emergency room in the area. The 7,500 square foot facility, located at 12000 N El Mirage Road, is set to open Fall 2023.

"It's so exciting to see the evolution of El Mirage over the years," said Sintra Hoffman, WESTMARC President and CEO.

"This community has grown its agricultural roots into the modern economy, bringing advanced services jobs for residents. El Mirage Emergency Room is a perfect example of how El Mirage is working with major employers to provide needed services for their residents and the northwest valley community."

Also making headline news in February, City of Hope, one of the largest cancer research and treatment organizations in the United States, announced that its subsidiary, Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA), will fully transition its clinical locations to City of Hope's brand.

CTCA will now be called City of Hope Phoenix.

"This past year, we have made tremendous progress to connect more patients, families and communities to our leading-edge research, treatment and care," said Robert Stone, City of Hope CEO and the Helen and Morgan Chu Chief Executive Officer Distinguished Chair.

"Through our acquisition of CTCA, City of Hope is now able to share its expertise to benefit a greater number of patients in even more communities, including our bone marrow transplant and immune effector cell therapy programs. By transitioning these locations to the City of Hope brand and bringing together 11,000 team members around one shared mission, we underscore our commitment to delivering a consistent patient experience as 'one City of Hope' across our national clinical network."

Based on the continued increase of access to quality and conveniently located healthcare options in the West Valley, residents' quality of life rises as well.