



FRED & PAMELA

BUFFETT CANCER CENTER

Healing Arts Program

What are the Healing Arts?

Arts in health care is a diverse, multi-disciplinary field dedicated to transforming the health care experience by connecting people with the power of the arts. We believe the arts can create a compassionate, supportive and inspirational environment for our patients, their families and staff. Through artistic and aesthetic experiences, the Healing Arts Program recognizes that the arts are intrinsic to wellness and healing.

Our program integrates many forms of art, including: literary, performing and visual arts, and design. We are integrating this field into a wide variety of health care and community settings for therapeutic, education and expressive purposes. Engaging in the healing arts can offer patients and caregivers a safe place to process their experiences, helping to clarify and provide insight about their cancer diagnosis and treatment.

“Healing requires more than just treating the patient medically. Our program is designed to enhance the patient experience. Studies have shown that creating an atmosphere of hope and resilience through artwork goes beyond curing a disease and leads to improved patient outcomes. Patients, visitors and staff will all benefit from this environment,” said Ken Cowan, M.D., Ph.D., director, Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center.

Permanent Art Collection and Changing Exhibitions

Creating an aesthetically comforting and beautiful environment, a diverse collection of artwork is showcased throughout public, private and research spaces within the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center. The permanent collection features art of the highest quality, created by nationally known and regional artists. A changing exhibition gallery will showcase artwork relevant to the health care community and the residents of Omaha.

Inaugural gifts to the collection feature many notable artists: Larry Bell, Fletcher Benton, Kevin Box, Sidney Buchanan, Howard Buffett, Dale Chihuly, Guy Dill, Jim Dine, Jun Kaneko, Suzy Taekyung Kim, Rob Ley, Matthew Placzek, Liz Quisgard, Jennifer Steinkamp, William Wegman, Watie White, Stan Winokur and Mary Zicafoose.

Chihuly Sanctuary

Given by Suzanne and Walter Scott, the Gale E. Davis family and Mary Jean and Hugh Williams

The Chihuly Sanctuary serves as the beacon for the Healing Arts Program. Dale Chihuly thoughtfully created the sanctuary to have 10 art experiences for its visitors. Designed exclusively for the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, it is the most comprehensive of Chihuly's health care environment structures.

Leslie's Healing Garden

Gift from Marshall and Mona Faith

This vibrant outdoor area is named after one of Marshall and Mona Faith's daughters who lost her battle with pediatric cancer. Leslie's Healing Garden is a place patients and their families can visit to escape the realities of cancer and spend time outside enjoying the flowers, pine trees and heated walkways.

Search Tower

Provided by an anonymous donor

An 82-foot lighted glass tower designed by Omaha artist Jun Kaneko has been constructed in front of the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center. Kaneko wanted to create a positive piece that has a universal impact on all of the people who work at the medical center as caregivers, researchers, doctors and nurses, and the patients and families who come to the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center for treatment.