

# Boston Medical Center gets \$15M gift for new ambulatory center

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[Boston Medical Center](#) announced Wednesday it has received a \$15 million gift from the [The Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation](#).

The gift will go to BMC's facilities expansion plan, which include a new ambulatory building, an expanded emergency and trauma center and increased in-patient capacity through developing a new building or tower.

The hospital will name the new 245,000-square-foot ambulatory care center -- The Carl J. and Ruth Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center. The Carl and Rush Shapiro Family Foundation, based in Boston, has contributed to BMC in the past through smaller donations to programs such as The Grow Clinic, which serves undernourished children.

The foundation assets are listed at \$254 million in a 2006 tax filing.

"We just felt that it's such an outstanding institution and serving such a varied and extraordinary needy and deserving population that we wanted to do what we could," said Ronny Zinner, president of the foundation.

The nine-story ambulatory care center that will bear the Shapiro's name will be located at the corner of East Concord and Albany streets and will provide outpatient care.

The expansion project -- Building the New BMC -- will be a multi-year capital expansion project that will create approximately 500,000 square feet of new clinical space to consolidate services, upgrade and expand service and improve access to care. A major capital campaign is forthcoming.

The emergency department expansion and building the Shapiro ambulatory center -- the first two phases of the project -- will cost about \$210 million, said Norman Stein, vice president of development for BMC. Another half billion dollars is estimated for the rest of the project.

The emergency department expansion, part of phase one, is under construction. Demolition on the existing building on the site of new Shapiro Ambulatory care center will start this summer.