

## **District One Cancer Center –Affiliated with the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute Opens**

“There’s not a patient who wishes to be in a cancer center” said Dr. Paul Thurmes, DOH Oncologist. “But when they are, they want to be at the best, and that’s what we have here”.

District One Hospital opened the Cancer Center doors to the community in April 2010 and showcased the latest “win” for patients, our clinics, the hospital and community. This “win” was described by Dr. David McIntyre as “bringing high level of care to Faribault so our patients do not have to go on the road for diagnostic screenings, scans, chemotherapy and treatment.” District One Hospital’s relationship with the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute will eventually enable seamless access to current technologies, clinical research, genetic counseling and alternative therapies. The new center gives a certain confidence to the community, “this is the launching pad” said Dr. Thurmes.

“This is a high quality hospital with high quality staff. We know how much people love Faribault, they want to remain in their community, this is home. When you need care, being home is really important”. said Dr. Burton Schwartz, Oncologist. “We feel privileged to work with the physicians, surgeons and nurses on this campus”.