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## **BANTERRA BANK CONTRIBUTES \$100,000 TO SIH CANCER INSTITUTE; RECEIVES NAMING RIGHTS FOR WAITING AREA IN \$21.7 MILLION EXPANSION**

**Marion, IL** – Banterra Bank has announced a total contribution of \$100,000 to Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) which includes naming rights for the infusion center family waiting area in the new expansion of SIH Cancer Institute in Carterville, Illinois. The agreement includes a total of \$30,000 in previous sponsorship dollars provided to SIH, a \$50,000 donation to the SIH Foundation and a minimum of \$20,000 sponsorship commitment to SIH over the next five years.

“SIH is one of the region’s largest employers and we have established a strong partnership with them over the years,” said Jeff May, president of Banterra. “Their commitment to providing quality health care service to an area that benefits so many of our customers, community residents and team members is greatly appreciated by Banterra. We also applaud the heroism that they continue to provide during this pandemic and specifically appreciate the cancer treatment they offer at the SIH Cancer Institute, so area residents can avoid the inconvenient travel to St. Louis and beyond. It is an honor for us to be able to support them at this level.”

The \$21.7-million SIH Cancer Institute expansion began in May 2020 and is expected to be completed by January 2022; the construction project providing 200 jobs during this time. The existing 43,500-sq.-ft. facility will increase dramatically with the new 20,000-sq.ft. expansion which will double the size of the infusion center to include 42 treatment chairs, two additional nursing stations and the new family waiting room. The expansion also encompasses pharmacy and laboratory services.

“The SIH Cancer Institute expansion was a critical need for us, as the demand for regional cancer treatment far exceeded our original expectations,” said CEO Rex Budde. “The ongoing support that Banterra has provided as a donor and financial partner has greatly assisted our efforts to make these important growth steps as a company. We greatly appreciate our partnership with them and this generous gift.”

SIH Cancer Institute is located at 1400 Pin Oak Drive near Rt. 13 in Carterville, Illinois. To learn more, go to [www.sih.net](http://www.sih.net).

In addition to the donation to SIH, Banterra recently donated \$50,000 to Ferrell Hospital in Eldorado, Illinois for their expansion needs and in honor of the heroism provided by health care workers during the pandemic.

### **ABOUT SIH**

Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) is a not-for-profit health system serving the southernmost counties of Illinois with three hospitals, a comprehensive cancer center, Level II Trauma Center and more than 30 outpatient and specialty practices. Based in Carbondale, SIH is the region’s second largest employer with 4,000 employees and the largest provider of charity care, unreimbursed care and community benefits.

Recognized for quality outcomes in cardiac, stroke, bariatric, rehabilitation and cancer care, SIH holds affiliations with renowned peers such as the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab (formerly Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago), Prairie Heart Institute, SIU School of Medicine Family Practice Residency Program, Siteman Cancer Network and the BJC Collaborative.

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