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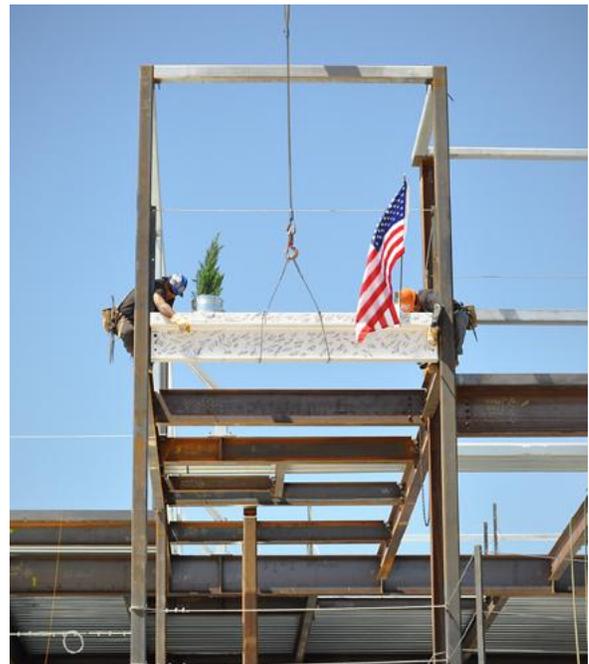
## CITY OF HOPE AND ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL REACH “TOPPING OFF” MILESTONE IN NEW CENTER CONSTRUCTION

*Topping-off ceremony brings world-renowned cancer care one giant step closer to local residents.*

(LANCASTER, CA – April 12, 2013) — A milestone in the construction of a community cancer clinic brought a giant leap in treatment options to residents of the Antelope Valley who are battling cancer. City of Hope, Antelope Valley Hospital, and G. L. Bruno Associates, Inc. celebrated the completion of the internal structure of City of Hope | Antelope Valley with a “topping off” ceremony on Friday, April 12, 2013.

The celebration, attended by over 200 community, medical, and government leaders, along with employees and construction workers, included the opportunity for guests to become part

of history by signing the final 10-foot-long structural beam, along with a brief program with presentations by executives from Antelope Valley Healthcare District, City of Hope, and G. L. Bruno Associates, Inc. The ceremony concluded as the final beam was hoisted atop the building’s future main entrance and secured in place. In keeping with the “Topping Off” tradition, an evergreen tree and an American flag were perched on top of the beam which was painted white and decorated with autographs of ceremony attendees.



*Workers secure the final structural beam to the facility during the “Topping Off” Celebration for City of Hope | Antelope Valley.*

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The new 56,000 square-foot facility, located on Antelope Valley Hospital’s campus, will bring City of Hope’s innovative research and advanced medicine to the local community, making treatments more accessible for patients who live far from the institution’s campus in Duarte, California. The full-service cancer treatment center is slated to open in late 2013.

Gary L. Bruno, President and Chief Executive Officer, of G. L. Bruno Associates, Inc., the project developer and manager of the ownership group, praised the joint efforts to bring the clinic to fruition. “We are delighted and honored at the opportunity to work with two such prestigious institutions to bring leading-edge cancer care to the Antelope Valley community through a single a facility that provides access to such a broad range of services.”



*Executives from City of Hope, Antelope Valley Hospital, G.L. Bruno Associates, Inc., and local government officials pose with the beam prior to installation. Pictured left to right: Norm Hickling, Abdallah Farrukh, M.D., Vijay Trisal, M.D., Senator Steve Knight, Edward Mirzabegian, Harlan Levine, M.D., Gary L. Bruno.*

Edward Mirzabegian, AVH Chief Executive Officer, stated, “As the Antelope Valley’s most comprehensive health care facility, Antelope Valley Hospital has been committed to providing integrated health care to our community for decades. Our successful partnership with City of Hope and G.L. Bruno Associates, Inc., and the creation of this state-of-the-art facility, is another significant step in our continuing efforts to provide the most advanced care close to home for those in our care.”

Harlan Levine, M.D., Chief Executive, City of Hope Medical Foundation, agreed. “Access to the most advanced cancer care makes a significant difference for many patients, and as a comprehensive cancer center, City of Hope wants to ensure that we can make our research discoveries and treatment advances available to as many patients as possible,” he said. “Greater access to top specialist care is part of a nationwide trend in U.S. medicine – and one in which City of Hope is at the forefront.”

City of Hope | Antelope Valley will enable City of Hope physicians, in partnership with Antelope Valley Hospital, to bring innovative diagnostic and treatment options to cancer patients in the Antelope Valley, as well as access to the hundreds of clinical trials conducted by City of Hope. Additionally, the facility will house a 172-seat community education center to help share cancer research news through speaking events, presentations and experts panels.

### **About City of Hope**

City of Hope is a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as a comprehensive cancer center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, City of Hope is also a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, with research and treatment protocols that advance care throughout the nation. City of Hope is located in Duarte, Calif., just northeast of Los Angeles, and is ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in cancer by U.S. News & World Report. Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation and genetics. For more information, visit [www.cityofhope.org](http://www.cityofhope.org) or follow City of Hope on [facebook](#), [twitter](#), [youtube](#) or [flickr](#).

### **About Antelope Valley Hospital**

Celebrating more than 55 years of caring for the community, Antelope Valley Hospital, a facility of Antelope Valley Healthcare District, is a non-profit, 420-bed hospital that was founded in 1955. The hospital is dedicated to providing quality care and services to everyone in the Antelope Valley. Antelope Valley Hospital is located at 1600 West Avenue J in Lancaster, California. For more information, please visit [www.avhospital.org](http://www.avhospital.org) or follow Antelope Valley Hospital on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#).

### **About G. L. Bruno Associates, Inc.**

G. L. Bruno Associates, Inc. is a development and design-build construction firm specializing in the fast-track development of medical and ancillary medical facilities. The firm's three-plus decades experience includes work on often complex facilities with Kaiser Permanente, Adventist Health, and numerous hospitals, healthcare groups and individual physicians. For further information, please visit [www.glbruno.com](http://www.glbruno.com) or follow GLB on [facebook](#).

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