



AVOW EXPANDS PALLIATIVE CARE

AVOW, A NON-PROFIT HOSPICE IN NAPLES, WILL OPEN THE LYON PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE CENTER LATER THIS YEAR. CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW BUILDING BEGAN IN JANUARY. THE CENTER IS NAMED AFTER NAPLES RESIDENT THELMA LYON, WHO DONATED AN UNDISCLOSED SUM OF MONEY FOR THE EXPANSION. THE TWO-STORY, 24,000-SQUARE-FOOT FACILITY WILL BECOME THE NEW HOME FOR AVOW'S PALLIATIVE CARE, SERVING ADULTS AND CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS ILLNESSES. IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS A PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO GRIEVE. THE NEW CENTER, A \$6 MILLION PROJECT, IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN NOVEMBER ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF THE AVOW'S 15-ACRE CAMPUS. (239-261-4404, AVOWCARES.ORG,)

JOINT UNDERTAKING

Southwest Florida's first center focused exclusively on joint-replacement surgical procedures recently opened in Naples. With 11 surgeons and specialists on staff, Seaside Surgery Center (239-248-7623) specializes in outpatient direct hip, total knee, and partial knee replacement procedures as an alternative to hospital-based outpatient surgeries. "It's very personal," says Dr. Kurtis Biggs, one of the center's co-founders and operative surgeons.



"Since there are only two operating rooms in the facility, there aren't dozens of other patients, so the rate of anesthesiologists, anesthesiologists, and nurses who provide additional care is basically one-on-one." After their procedure, patients are able to recover at home, with the aid of visiting nurses and physical therapists. —Anna Bjorlin



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