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For Dr. Andrew Buresh, medicine has always been in his blood – but it took one night to truly seal it in his heart and soul.

After growing up in Nebraska, Dr. Buresh, tired of blizzards, attended the University of Arizona for his undergraduate degree, where he graduated with honors, magna cum laude, receiving a double B.S. in Biochemistry and Latin. During college, he was named Outstanding Graduating Senior in the College of Humanities and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Following graduation, Dr. Buresh attended the University Of Nebraska College Of Medicine on scholarship, graduating with distinction and completed his residency at the University of Arizona and fellowship at the Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson.

During his final year of his fellowship, Dr. Buresh served as Chief Fellow, participating in research in the field of myelodysplasia. He has written several articles on the subject, co-authored two book chapters, and has been published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Life was moving along nicely for Dr. Buresh during his Fellowship. Then, in 2002, his turning point, where he went from wanting to be a good doctor to wanting to affect change, occurred.

“My wife and I were expecting our second child. While waiting for the new arrival, I was working away during fellowship and moonlighting as a hospitalist and ER physician. However, in her 21st week, my wife lost the baby,” Dr. Buresh says. “As I sat watching my wife in that hospital bed in the middle of the night, our doctor came in and took the time to not just explain the loss, but to feel it with us and generally be there for us in our greatest time of need.”

At that moment, Dr. Buresh knew the rest of his life was meant to be dedicated to serving people – and patients – not just as a medical expert, but also as one human being to another.

“Until then, I was seeing patients but may not have really seen them. From that day on, my eyes were open – open to the need to treat patients and their families the way I would want to be treated myself or my family to be treated,” Dr. Buresh says.

He worked diligently until 2009, when he was able to make



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this vision come true. In 2010, Dr. Buresh opened Desert Springs Cancer Care Center, both the first medical oncology practice located north of Loop 101 in Scottsdale and first green-built cancer facility in Arizona. Since it's opening, Dr. Buresh has not only been able to assist patients in North Scottsdale, but also opened the doors for them to take part in critical medical trials, including one in process focused on Prostate Cancer patients.

Active in the medical community, Dr. Buresh is a member of both the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Hematology. Locally, he is a member of the Maricopa Medical Society as well. He has also been a staunch supporter of the American Cancer Society, dedicating the opening of his practice to the organization.

As the practice celebrates its fourth anniversary this year, it also celebrates a new partnership as well. Desert Springs Cancer Care entered into a professional relationship with Arizona Center for Cancer Care in late 2013 in order to help Dr. Buresh hire additional specialists, invest in new treatment technologies, and share best practices with more than two dozen fellow experts across the Valley. Through the partnership, Dr. Buresh is able to call on any of his colleagues from more than 30 offices across the Valley at any time to collaborate on the best method of care.

Dr. Buresh and his wife are now blessed to be the proud parents of three beautiful children.