

# News Release



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## **Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro joins Summa Health to celebrate breaking ground on their new West Tower**

On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Ilene Shapiro joined Summa and the City of Akron as a keynote speaker in celebrating the ground breaking of Summa's West Tower.

“Summa is an extraordinary part of the lifeblood of this community,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “It’s part of the flow and the momentum that gives life to growth, goals, and achievements in our economy and public health”.

The West Tower is part of a new chapter for Summa, and part of an extraordinary investment project of \$350 million which will focus on new buildings, infrastructure improvement, facility upgrades, and creating an environment that will focus immensely on creating a more user friendly environment and providing the highest level of care for patients.

Summa Health is the County's largest employer and is an asset to our community. Summa represents a substantial portion of the medical sector, which is one of the most prominent industries in Summit County. Summa's investment in the local economy has the potential to further push the course of the County forward with progressive innovation, job growth and economic opportunities.

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**County Executive Ilene Shapiro at the ground breaking of Summa's West Tower.**