Giving the nearly 12,000 people in Findlay and surrounding communities living with cancer the best opportunity to be cured and easing the burdens cancer places on our patients and their families are the goals of Blanchard Valley Hospital, its doctors, and its staff. Building our new cancer care center will help us reach those goals.

We all know someone with cancer: a parent, spouse, child, best friend, or maybe even you have or had cancer. We also all know how difficult treating cancer is. For the fortunate, as hard as it seems, their cancer cure may simply be an operation. For most, treatment will require combinations of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy. The best care often requires the close collaboration of doctors from different cancer specialties, and BVHS is lucky to have some of the very best physicians such as Dr. Stephen Lutz who is a nationally-renowned radiation oncologist and widely published.

Cancer treatment also places great strains on the lives of patients and their families. There are often overwhelming physical, emotional and financial burdens with which to deal. There are people, counselors and agencies to assist in easing the weight of those burdens, but today in Findlay it often requires driving multiple places to get that help. Building a comprehensive cancer care center will bring many of our caregivers into one location.

Medical oncologists - doctors who treat cancers with chemotherapy, hormone therapy, and modern biologic therapy and immune therapy - will work next to doctors who specialize in radiation therapy. Specialists who help patients and families navigate their way through the complexities of care will work alongside financial counselors. Help with nutrition, critical to the well-being of our patients, will be available in the same location where patients can find help with getting physical therapy or emotional counseling.

To create this comprehensive healing environment, Blanchard Valley Health Foundation has launched a $2.5 million capital campaign to expand and renovate the existing cancer center located at EasternWoods which includes a $500,000 endowment to sustain the valuable programs which will be located there. The total project cost is $10 million, of which BVHS has committed $5.25 million including $4.5 million in the Truebeam Linear Accelerator for radiation therapy, initiating a lung cancer screening program, employing a medical oncologist, oncology patient navigator, financial counselor and nutritionist. All cancer care services such as infusion therapy, imaging, clinical trials, psychosocial support and holistic/comfort services will be together at the cancer care center.

As Dr. Eric Browning, medical director of the oncology program, states, “As providers we recognize that there will be little “magic” in our single site care facility unless we make it so. Bricks and mortar will not- cannot- replace closely-aligned operations, processes that maximize the opportunity afforded by delivering care from a single site, care plans designed by teams ‘committed to excellence,’ and delivered with compassion for the afflicted at all times and opportunities.”

We welcome your interest and support. Please visit bvhealthsystem.org/giving or call 419-423-5457 to get more information about the cancer care center project.
The Blanchard Valley Health Foundation would like to express sincere thanks to those who have joined the Legacy Society or increased their level of giving since the last quarterly newsletter:

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- A quarterly newsletter on BVHS programs and services
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Welcome New Legacy Society Members!

It was a surprise planned surreptitiously for weeks; the flowers, the champagne, the “meeting,” the Skype technology, the new logo, the real-time announcement from hundreds of miles away just to glimpse the amazement on Julie Cole’s face. Julie was able to toast her surprise naming with real champagne, but in Scott Malaney’s office, the BVHF team indulged in sparkling grape juice. Although not quite the same, the admiration and celebration were genuine for this amazing woman who has given back so much to BVHS and the Findlay community.

Blanchard Valley Health System has proudly announced that Blanchard Valley Hospital Rehab & Sports Medicine will be renamed Julie A. Cole Rehab & Sports Medicine. The renaming comes in honor of longtime BVHS champion Julie Cole and her 25 years of support to the Health System through the Julie Cole Charity Golf Classic. A special ribbon cutting and tour of the facility at 1721 Medical Drive Blvd. Suite B will be held on Friday, May 30 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

“For the past 25 years, Julie has hosted the Julie Cole Charity Golf Classic which has raised more than $2 million to support local charities and BVHS services such as Bridge Hospice, the Jane & Gary Heminger HeartCare Center, Caughman Health Center and many more,” said Scott Malaney, president and CEO of Blanchard Valley Health System. “We are forever grateful for her generosity and are proud to rename our BVH Rehab & Sports Medicine services in her honor.”

Julie Cole said, “I never expected to have a medical facility bear my name, and I am so honored. Hosting the Julie Cole Charity Golf Classic has been my pleasure. Findlay is a wonderful community and I am so proud to be able to give back to my hometown.”

A Findlay native, Julie Cole had an outstanding athletic career in high school, earning both basketball and golf scholarships to Ohio University. After graduating from college, she joined the amateur golf circuit, qualifying for the LPGA tour in 1985. She became a member of the LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals Division in 1991 and is designated an LPGA Top 50 Teacher. She has been inducted into the Hancock Sports Hall of Fame and received the Ohio University Lifetime Achievement Award. She is currently the director of instruction and managing partner at the Dana Rader Golf School at Ballantyne Hotel and Lodge in Charlotte, N.C.

For more information, visit bvhealthsystem.org

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Through their bequests, life income gifts or other gifts designed to be made in the future, members of the Blanchard Valley Health Foundation Planned Giving Society share in our goal of providing the highest quality health care for future generations.

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