

Lance and Ellen Shaner Support Cancer-Fighting Technology at Mount Nittany Medical Center

Mount Nittany Health Foundation is pleased to announce the generous support of Lance and Ellen Shaner toward cancer care services at Mount Nittany Medical Center. Long-time supporters of the Foundation, the Shaners lead gift for an additional intensity modulated linear accelerator will improve access to radiation therapy for people needing this life-saving treatment.

A linear accelerator is the technology most commonly used for external beam radiation treatments for patients with all types of cancer. Combining sophisticated, state-of-the-art imaging and cancer treatment technology in a single, powerful unit, a linear accelerator and the experts team of radiation oncologists, physicists and technologists use the technology to target the tumor and preserve healthy tissue. The technology used at Mount Nittany Medical Center is the most powerful, precise, and versatile cancer-fighting technologies available. Typically, patients receive daily treatments over the course of several weeks.

“We are fortunate to have the latest in cancer treatment for those we serve, as well a team to ensure that patients receive targeted therapy in a patient-sensitive environment” says Dr. Jerome Derdel, MD, radiation oncologist, Mount Nittany Physician Group “A second system ensures that we can meet the needs of every one of our patients. Facing a treatment plan is hard enough. Keeping people in our community for their treatments matters. We are very grateful to the Shaners for their ongoing support of saving lives in our community.”

“As we have said before, it’s our desire to make a significant contribution to fighting a disease that takes such a toll on families,” said Lance Shaner. “This gift is our gesture of continued support to people and their families who fight hard every day for their health. We are humbled to be part of their journey.”

In 2012, with a generous gift from the Shaners, The Medical Center opened the Lance and Ellen Shaner Cancer Pavilion on its campus. The Shaner Cancer Pavilion includes the radiation oncology services, medical oncology services, patient-focused exam rooms and nineteen private chemotherapy suites, in addition to a resource library, consultation areas, a dedicated entrance for patients with cancer and their families and meeting and support group spaces.

In addition to supporting the construction of the Cancer Pavilion, the Shaners established a generous endowment to support travel, lodging, medical and pharmaceutical co-pays, and other treatment-related needs for people with cancer and their families.

To learn how you can give a gift toward saving lives at Mount Nittany Health, please call the Mount Nittany Health Foundation, at 814.234.6777, or visit foundation.mountnittany.org.