

## Investing in Technology

Blanchard Valley Health System's recent investment in the latest Truebeam™ Linear Accelerator gives oncologists and multidisciplinary teams the power to manage challenging cancers with ease and precision.

The TrueBeam™ Linear Accelerator provides the opportunity to tailor treatment and choose the method that is best for each individual patient.

### The equipment also:

- Offers advanced therapy for some of the most complex cancers
- Delivers more powerful cancer treatments with accuracy and precision
- Completes treatments more quickly
- Monitors the motion of tumors to protect healthy tissue and organs
- Provides a more comfortable experience
- Integrates 3D imaging for extremely precise radiation therapy delivery

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On the cover: Patient Joleen Mintey, *I wanted to have my cancer treatment here. I felt comfortable at Blanchard Valley, and I had so many people on my side. The doctors and nurses treated me so well. It was the right choice for me.*

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## What is included in the \$10 million project cost?

- Addition of 13,892 square feet in a patient-centered design
- Advanced technology including TrueBeam™ Linear Accelerator for radiation therapy
- Relocation of infusion therapy from BVH
- New laboratory services location
- New pharmacy location

## Community Benefit

- Patient care navigation and supportive services in easily accessible and integrated space
- ACoS Commission on Cancer, NCBC and ACR accredited
- Comprehensive continuum of care from early detection through survivorship
- Complete cancer care conveniently close to home

## Cancer Incidence in BVH Service Area

*Annual New Cancer Cases* = 1,388

*People Living with Cancer* = 11,802

*National* = 5.2 per 1,000 per year

*BVH Service Area* = 5.6 per 1,000 per year

## Greatest risk factor for cancer is age.

*National Incidence*  
age < 65 = 2.6 per 1,000 per year

*National Incidence*  
age > 65 = 21 per 1,000 per year

*National 2012 population*  
age > 65 = 13.2%

*BVHS service area 2012*  
age > 65 = 14.5%

*BVHS service area projected 2016*  
age > 65 = 15.9%

Learn more: [cancercarechampions.org](http://cancercarechampions.org)

## Campaign Cabinet

### Honorary Campaign Chair

Dr. Harry Bash

### Cabinet Members

Amy Ballinger  
Dr. Eric Browning  
Paula Deter  
David Eubanks  
Kolleen Kirk  
Paul F. Smith  
Pete Suter



Learn more about cancer services at  
Blanchard Valley Health System:

[cancercarechampions.org](http://cancercarechampions.org)

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DONATE TODAY! YOU CAN JOIN IN SUPPORT OF

*Cancer Care Champions!*



“For us at  
Blanchard Valley,  
it's personal.”

We understand how cancer touches lives because it has touched ours. We're here to help you and we are dedicated to providing access to that help, because we're your neighbors and friends.

*Cancer Care Champions,  
Dr. Eric Browning pictured  
with patient Joleen Mintey.*

# How can you join in support of cancer care champions?

*By making a commitment to better cancer care!*

**Blanchard Valley Hospital's Cancer Care Center** at EasternWoods will provide a full spectrum of cancer care services within a centralized community campus.

Comprehensive cancer care centers improve the patient experience and allow for enhanced service coordination, quality, and cost effective service delivery for the optimal patient experience in cancer care.

With nearly 12,000 people in Findlay and surrounding communities living with cancer, this comprehensive cancer center is a much needed addition to Findlay's health care offerings.

**Integrated programs and facilities encompass the following:**

- ◆ Medical Oncology
- ◆ Infusion Therapy
- ◆ Radiation Therapy
- ◆ Patient Care Navigation
- ◆ Clinical Trials
- ◆ Imaging
- ◆ Financial Counseling
- ◆ Pharmacy
- ◆ Laboratory Services
- ◆ Nutritional Counseling
- ◆ Psychosocial Support
- ◆ Holistic/Comfort Services



*Dr. Stephen Lutz, radiation oncologist*



**At BVHS our Cancer Care team is here for our patients every step of the way - serving as Cancer Care Champions, advocates and friends. It's personal to us. And it's personal to our patient, David Dellifield.**

*"I found out I had throat cancer in February 2011, and I chose to have my radiation treatment at Blanchard Valley. Dr. Lutz and I just clicked. We spent more time NOT talking about cancer than we did talking about it. He told me at the beginning of my treatment that there was a 98% chance he could get my cancer taken care of. That let me focus on the future. The team at Blanchard Valley truly cared about me. I know the treatment you get here is the same as what you get in large cities. However, there is a difference, and that difference is that people at Blanchard Valley genuinely care about you."*

**At Blanchard Valley, patients truly have a champion. Dr. Lutz and nurse Sue Karsnak are proud to be Cancer Care Champions for David Dellifield.**

*Pictured (top left), radiation oncologist, Dr. Stephen Lutz and (top, right) nurse Sue Karsnak. Cancer survivor Dave Dellifield pictured with his family, Ian and Nora and his wife Jami.*



*"It takes a special kind of person to work with patients. I am fortunate to work with doctors, nurses and associates at Blanchard Valley Health System that are committed to making a difference."*

**Judi Hilty, RN**

*"I know from a personal standpoint what it means to be diagnosed with cancer. I want to make sure our patients feel supported every step of the way."*



**Deb McCoy, RN and cancer survivor**

**NEW CANCER CENTER Timeline**

<p><b>2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed Program Analysis and Environmental Assessment</li> </ul>	<p><b>2013</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• True Beam Linear Accelerator Installed</li> <li>• Hired Medical Oncologist</li> <li>• Developed Cancer Website</li> <li>• Hired Patient Care Navigator</li> </ul>	<p><b>2014</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize Project Design</li> <li>• Groundbreaking Planned</li> </ul>	<p><b>2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued Construction</li> <li>• Completion of Comprehensive Cancer Care Center</li> </ul>
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*To make your commitment contact Blanchard Valley Health Foundation at 419.423.5457.*