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*ImpactCancer* is our new quarterly publication that celebrates the remarkable generosity, hard work and dedication of our donors and friends.

In this inaugural issue, you’ll learn about some of the incredible cancer research, care and facilities that are possible because of our philanthropic champions, community partners, grateful patients, fundraising events and more. You’ll also read about the transformative gift made by Les and Abigail Wexner, a gift that will surely make it possible for the world to one day say, “But for Ohio State, we never would have cured cancer.” Thank you for your continued support for helping us create a cancer-free world.

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**“But for Ohio State”**

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The Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee says Les Wexner’s $100 million gift represents “a transformative moment in the history of this University that will make an enormous difference for generations to come.”

The gift will primarily benefit The Ohio State University Medical Center, Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, and Ohio State’s Wexner Center for the Arts.

Wexner hopes his gift can change the world for the better — perhaps helping Ohio State researchers find a cure for cancer. “We can do it here. We can do it now,” he says. “There is no utility in saying maybe.”

Giving back to his alma mater has always been a priority for Wexner. He is chair of Ohio State’s Board of Trustees and helped create The Ohio State University Foundation. Previous philanthropy has included gifts to the Wexner Center for the Arts (named for his father) and the Les Wexner Football Complex at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center.

“I love Ohio State and all the good it does,” he says. “The most important institution in our community is The Ohio State University.”

Gee sees Wexner’s gift as a powerful example of paying it forward. He says “Students understand community-building, and when they see someone of his stature and his ability doing it on their behalf, it is an incredibly important message.”

Wexner also would like to see the gift inspire his fellow Buckeye alumni to pay it forward.

“I hope this gift stimulates those who have received an education here, or been touched by this remarkable institution, to think about how they, too, can give back,” he says.

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**We’re Exceptional OSUCCC receives highest rating possible from the NCI**

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center (OSUCCC) received the highest rating possible on its five-year Support Grant renewal application to the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the highest rating ever in University history.

Further, OSUCCC Director and James CEO Michael A. Caligiuri, MD announced that the NCI deemed the OSUCCC “should serve as the model for other major university-based centers.”

“This is a tribute to our team of dedicated scientists, physicians, nurses, clinical and technical professionals, support staff and volunteers, all of whom share in our mission of eradicating cancer and contribute to this cause in their own special ways,” Dr. Caligiuri says.

The Support Grant is the major funding source for the OSUCCC - James scientific leadership and administration, shared technology and services, and development. The grant renewal will enable the OSUCCC - James to retain its status as one of only 40 NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers, a designation it has enjoyed since 1976.

“While we do not yet know our new funding level,” Dr. Caligiuri adds, “we believe it will be higher than the $20 million we received during our last NCI review process in 2004.”

The recommendation for renewing the Support Grant followed a thorough review by the NCI of the nearly 1,500-page written application and a site visit by an NCI survey team. The NCI rated the cancer center as “exceptional,” its highest descriptor.

The NCI’s team of reviewers noted that there has been “substantial improvement in every dimension of this cancer center. The remarkable growth is highlighted in the impressive trajectory of high-impact publications, NCI support, (and several) multi-investigator grants… along with the recruitment of 159 cancer-focused investigators in key areas that will provide new and exciting research opportunities.”

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At the OSUCCC-James, our world-renowned researchers, oncologists, specialists, nurses and staff work tirelessly each day toward a shared vision — a cancer-free world.

**You can help.**

1. **Donate.** Ohio State is committed to understanding, preventing and curing cancer. If you would like more information on how you can help cure cancer, contact our Development Office, 614-293-3744.

2. **Ride, Donate or Volunteer for Pelotonia.** Pelotonia is a community bicycling event with one goal: to end cancer. Pelotonia proudly directs 100 percent of every dollar raised to research here at the OSUCCC-James. For more information on how you can participate, visit pelotonia.org.

3. **Volunteer at The James.** For information on volunteer opportunities, contact the Volunteer Office, 614-293-4663.

4. **JamesCare for Life.** JamesCare for Life provides a variety of resources including support groups and classes to assist patients and families. For more information about any of our classes or support groups, call The JamesLine 800-293-5066.

5. **Get your cancer screenings.** Many cancers that are found early can be treated and often cured. For more information about cancer screening, prevention, early detection or cancer clinical trials, call The JamesLine at 800-293-5066.
The fight against breast cancer took a major leap forward mid-January when the JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center opened its doors at 1145 Olentangy River Road and welcomed patients seeking the most inclusive approach to diagnosing and treating breast cancer.

As part of the only NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center in central Ohio, the JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center is home to leading breast cancer experts focused solely on understanding, preventing, treating and ultimately curing this disease. This multidisciplinary team designs comprehensive treatment plans that are tailored specifically to each patient’s type of breast cancer.

The Center’s integration of research and clinical space, as well as its proximity to Ohio State — literally blocks away — enable breast cancer researchers and clinicians to work directly together, bringing the latest innovations in prevention, detection and treatment to every patient. This unprecedented collaboration leads to more and faster discoveries in the fight against breast cancer and will help create The James’ ultimate vision — a cancer-free world.

The four-story, state-of-the-art facility, located at the corner of Olentangy River Road and 3rd Avenue in northwest Columbus, is the first of its kind in the Midwest to offer the full continuum of breast cancer care — from prevention and screening through detection, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship — in one convenient location.

Combining all facets of breast care — including annual mammograms, complete diagnostic services, comprehensive breast-cancer treatment, access to clinical trials, reconstructive breast surgery, medical nutritional services, survivorship support, risk counseling, financial counseling, and rehabilitation — benefits patients by providing multidisciplinary support under one roof.

The Center was designed to meet the needs of patients and their families. In fact, OSUCCC – James breast cancer survivors provided input on the design of the building. Their contributions led to the inclusion of private counseling suites and waiting areas, a meditation room, a library and resource center, and a café with patio dining.

The Center is also home to Hope’s Boutique, a shop dedicated to helping women look and feel their best during and after cancer treatment. The Boutique provides care for more than 5,000 women per year.
Creating an Oasis
$2 million gift to fund park at The James

With her $2 million pledge to fund the Phyllis A. Jones Legacy Park in front of the new Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, Phyllis Jones is making good on a promise she made to her late husband, Clayton K. Jones.

Phyllis, former president and CEO of Fiesta Salons, pledged the gift to create the park in honor of her late husband, who was among the first patients treated for lung cancer at The James when it opened in 1990. His physician — the hospital’s namesake Arthur G. James, MD — would stop by daily to visit with Clayton during his six-week hospitalization.

As he lay in his hospital bed, Clayton told his wife: “You take care of The James, honey. They’ve taken care of me.” Phyllis has never forgotten her husband’s sentiments.

In fulfilling her promise, Phyllis says she hopes to create a restful, peaceful garden where patients, visitors and staff can seek comfort and solace. The garden, which will include a children’s play area, will be located on the West Lawn area in front of the new cancer hospital that is scheduled for completion in 2014.

Phyllis recalls how she visited her husband for up to 10 hours every day, and knows firsthand the toll taken on family and friends, who often spend days or weeks at a loved one’s hospital bedside. “Spending that much time at the hospital is hard on you,” says Phyllis, who lives in Powell. “This Legacy Park seems like a restful addition to me, and it’s something everybody can enjoy.”

Get Smart
Ellen and James Bachmann pledge gift to name Resource Center

Inspired by the OSUCCC - James and Medical Center expansion and the care they previously received at Ohio State’s Medical Center, Ellen and James Bachmann have pledged a significant gift to name the Resource Center in the ground floor Patient Education Center.

The Medical Center expansion is a 15-year, $1.3-billion expansion program — the largest construction and renovation project in the University’s history. The expansion includes a new cancer hospital; critical care building; interlocking spaces for research, teaching and patient care; and a soaring grand concourse that links hospitals, clinics, laboratories, classrooms, garages and restaurants.

Ellen and James Bachmann

Ohio State’s Medical Center Expansion and New OSUCCC - James

Targeted for completion in 2014, a new 276-bed cancer hospital will be the crown jewel in Ohio State’s $1.1 billion expansion project. All floors will be integrated with space for research and education to promote collaboration and advance knowledge. Funding for this project includes a $100 million federal grant that will expand access to cancer care in Ohio.

To learn more about the new OSUCCC - James expansion, visit medicalcenter.osu.edu and click on “Medical Center Expansion.”
Community Partners

The OSUCCC – James is proud to have nearly 300 community partners who raise money to support our mission. Each of these special groups helps us move closer to realizing our vision of creating a cancer-free world. To learn how you can help us create a cancer-free world, visit us online at cancer.osu.edu and click on “ways to give.”

Annual MMORE Gala Benefits Multiple Myeloma Research

The CelebrateMMORE Gala for multiple myeloma research was held on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Hilton Columbus Easton. The annual gala featured live and silent auctions, speakers, dinner and dancing. Pictured are Craig Hofmeister, MD, Ohio State President Gordon Gee and Don Benson, MD, PhD. The 2011 gala raised $125,000 for multiple myeloma research at the OSUCCC – James. For more information about MMORE, visit www.mmore.org.

The 13th Annual College of Pharmacy Chili Cook-Off

The American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacy (APhA-ASP) hosted its annual chili cook-off at the Nationwide Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H building last November. The cook-off raised $14,600, which was split evenly between the Tressel Family Fund, research by Steven Clinton, MD, and The James general fund. This year’s cook-off will be held on Nov. 18. For more information, email osu.chilicookoff@gmail.com.

Chrome Divas

The Columbus Chapter of the Chrome Divas, a ladies-only motorcycle group, recently presented the Spielman Fund with a check for $5,278 from their calendar sales. Accepting the check on behalf of the Spielman Fund is Susan Brown, RN, MSN, CNA, chief nursing officer for The James.

Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS)

Jason Moore, Aaron Kanagy, ADS President and CEO Joe Chlapaty, and Christa Tove present Chris Spielman with a $19,000 check for the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research. The donation was generated from the company’s yearlong charitable giving program, which included a golf outing, cookout, weekly football and basketball raffles and a 5K run.

The 6th Annual Mary Diaz and William Copeland, Jr. Memorial Tennis Tournament

This annual tennis tournament is held in honor of two tennis enthusiasts who were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The 2010 tournament raised $40,000 for the Mary Diaz Fund for Pancreatic Cancer Research. Pictured here are children from Chicago, Columbus and Pennsylvania who participated in the 2010 event. The 2011 tournament will be held in Columbus July 15-17. The tournament is open to both junior and adult players. For more information, email diaztournament@gmail.com.

Friends of Woody Dillion Golf Tournament

Mike Dillion, Russ Dillion, Tim Dillion and Jeff Gyurcsik remember their father and father-in-law through the annual Friends of Woody Golf Tournament in London, Ohio. The event has raised nearly $35,000 for prostate cancer research.

Fueling the Cure

For every delivery stop made by United Landmark, Southwest Landmark and Heritage Cooperative, $1 is donated to the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research. Shown here are (front) Joe Henry, propane manager, Trupointe; Thad Dixon, energy manager, United Landmark; Kim Collins, assistant director, OSU Medical Center Development; Larry Hammond, President and CEO, Trupointe. (back) Ray Etgen, energy manager, Heritage Cooperative; John Dunbar, President and CEO, Heritage Cooperative; Eric Panthmure, President and CEO, Heritage Cooperative.

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Early Detection
Carolyn and Bob Peterson know what a difference cancer screening makes

After years of diligently getting an annual physical, Bob Peterson was shocked to discover in 2010 that his prostate-specific antigen (PSA) level was elevated. Several tests later, Bob was diagnosed with prostate cancer. “I thoroughly investigated all of my treatment options and decided to have robotic surgery with Dr. Abaza at The James,” recalls Bob.

Grateful for his own successful outcome, Bob can’t help but think about those less fortunate than himself. “There are so many men who would get the PSA test every year, as most doctors recommend, if they had the means to do so,” Bob says. “Many men don’t have insurance, or they have an insurance plan that won’t cover the cost of the PSA test.” Inspired by this, the Petersons have made a generous gift to The James. A portion of their gift will help provide research on prostate cancer, and prostate cancer screenings to those that would otherwise not have the means to be tested.

The Petersons are so impressed with the robotic surgery Bob had performed by Ronney Abaza, MD, that they feel it is important to educate physicians on how to use the robots so more patients can benefit like Bob did. Robotic surgery results in quicker recovery times and a decreased chance of infection and other surgery-related complications. The robotic surgery simulator purchased with the Petersons’ gift will provide training opportunities for residents and other physicians, so they can practice and become experienced with the robot before performing surgery on a patient.

“I didn’t have a family history of prostate cancer — now I do,” Bob says. “Up to the time I was diagnosed, I didn’t have any symptoms.” Now, he makes sure his sons get a PSA test yearly beginning at age 40 and has encouraged his friends to take their health seriously by keeping up with annual physicals. “It’s easy to fall into the trap of only going to the doctor once you are sick, but prevention is key,” Carolyn says.

Researchers at the OSUCCC – James are seeking to prove whether consumption of tomato-based products and soy can reduce the risk of prostate cancer, as epidemiologic studies have suggested.

To learn more and for additional research updates, visit cancer.osu.edu.

Tarrier Family Endowment
Provides funding for acute leukemia research

In July 2009, Libby Tarrier was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. “The day I found out, I didn’t even get to go home. I was immediately admitted to the emergency room and then began treatment,” Libby says. She chose to come to The James for treatment because she knew early on that she would need a bone marrow transplant — something that can only be performed at select hospitals, and something The James specializes in.

“The doctors and nurses at The James took great care of me,” Libby says. Acute lymphocytic leukemia is a treatable disease, but Libby recognizes that not everybody is diagnosed with a form of leukemia that has well-known, successful treatment options. “I just want others to have the same quality of care and level of confidence in their treatment that I had,” she says. “By starting this fund, we are providing an opportunity for more research to be done about the type of leukemia I had and the possibility in the future of expanding to other leukemias.”

Libby says, “with the goal of one day finding a cure.” Libby says several miracles took place during her treatment, including one day in particular, when all three of her siblings arrived within 30 minutes of one another, unplanned. This also happened to be the same day Steven Devine, MD began discussing the possibility of a bone marrow transplant. All three siblings immediately volunteered to be tested. “When my sister was leaving the room, she said, ‘I’m going to be her donor,’ and Dr. Devine proceeded to explain that my brothers would be a more likely match,” Libby says. As it turns out, Libby’s sister was a perfect match and a bone marrow transplant was performed in September 2009.

Now that she has been in remission for just over a year, Libby has trained to become a volunteer at The James, offering companionship and hope to those facing situations similar to the one she experienced. “It’s because of the power of prayer and the great care of my doctors that I’m doing so well today, and I have no choice but to share my experience with others.”

As part of the OSUCCC – James, the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program offers the latest treatment options and participates in several National Cancer Institute and Ohio State-sponsored clinical trials. Our BMT program is one of the most experienced in the United States.

To learn more and for additional research updates, visit cancer.osu.edu.
During its first two years, Pelotonia has raised more than $12.3 million for cancer research at the OSUCCC – James, with $1 million of the proceeds earmarked for fellowship grants for undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students.

The Pelotonia Fellowship Program will fund wide-ranging cancer research projects — from history and communications to molecular genetics and biomedical science — by the most talented undergraduate students at The Ohio State University. Each fellowship is for up to one year in length and pays up to $12,000.

Research topics include studying cancer tumor progression, factors involved in cancer genetics, the role of microRNA in cancer, improving the ability to study brain tumor cells in the laboratory and silencing of leukemia-related genes. One grant will fund a motivational video for cancer survivors, while another will study how to design effective anti-smoking public service announcements for African-Americans.

In addition, one Pelotonia Medical Student Fellowship grant for $25,000 has been awarded to Earl Christian of Columbus, for his research project, “Consequences of PRMT5 overexpression in B cell lymphomas.”

“We are pleased that 100 percent of the proceeds for Pelotonia go directly to vital cancer research, including Ohio State students who can help make it happen. Pelotonia is providing vital research funding for our youngest and brightest cancer investigators, helping bridge the gap until they may one day qualify for federal research funding,” says Michael Caligiuri, MD, director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center and CEO of The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. “Students introduce new discoveries and ideas through their own research, with the goal of one day creating a cancer-free world.”

The first round of Pelotonia Fellowship Grant Recipients represents the wide range of areas in cancer-related research. Here are the names of five recipients, the topics of their research and the senior scientists mentoring them.

To read a complete list of Pelotonia Fellowship Recipients, visit cancer.osu.edu and search “Pelotonia Fellowships.”

**SHAUNA COLLINS**
Elotuzumab, a promising drug for multiple myeloma
Mentor: Don Benson, MD, PhD

**ALEX HISSENG**
A gel that mimics your brain material to see how cancer cells react with different drugs
Mentor: Jessica Winter, PhD

**LINGHAN WANG**
How Public Service Announcements (PSAs) can reduce smoking among African Americans
Mentor: Zheng Joyce Wang

**EDWARD BRIENDCHECK**
How the gene PTEN works with your body’s immune system to naturally fight cancer cells
Mentor: Michael Caligiuri, MD

**SALENE WU**
How anxiety and worry affect inflammation in women with recurrent breast and ovarian cancer
Mentor: Barbara Andersen, PhD
When Charles Ruma, president of Virginia Homes in Powell, Ohio, was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2006 at the age of 36, he was introduced to a world he never wanted to know. Fortunately, he recovered, crediting his good outcome to the treatment he received at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

He knew he was one of the lucky ones, and wanted to make a difference in the lives of others struggling with a cancer diagnosis, so he decided to build the “Home for Hope.” The Home is being built in the Tartan West community in Dublin, Ohio. The 3,100-square foot home, with an estimated value of $459,900, is scheduled for completion in June, when it will be auctioned live at a celebration event on June 25. Ninety percent of the proceeds will benefit the OSUCCC – James, with the remaining 10 percent benefitting the LIVESTRONG™ Foundation. The project is financed by Huntington Bank.

Ruma’s personal cancer experience inspired the project. He recalls, “The care and treatment I received while at The James saved my life. My family and I owe them more than we can ever repay. As a homebuilder, the idea to create this home and donate all the proceeds to curing cancer came pretty naturally. Once Huntington came on board, the project has grown to involve all of our subcontractors and many, many other caring people who have been affected by cancer.”

Virginia Homes worked with subcontractors and suppliers to attain donations of goods and services for the home in order to minimize construction costs. “Next to raising funds, our biggest objective is to raise awareness for cancer prevention and treatment,” says Ruma. “Cancer is an epidemic, as one in three people will be touched by this disease. Anything we can do to fight and cure it, we have to do. The outpouring of support we have gotten from the community is amazing. Everybody wants to do their part.”

With cancer prevention as the design theme, features such as a kitchen geared toward whole food preparation, low volatile organic compound (VOC) building products, radon abatement, a home gym and a vegetable garden will support the idea of healthy living.
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Proceeds from the Buckeye Cruise benefit the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research at Ohio State’s James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. For more information and to book your cabin, visit: buckeyecruise.com.

Celebration for Life

The 10th Annual Celebration for Life was held on Saturday, May 21, at Smith & Wollensky restaurant at Easton Town Center. This event, combined with the James Fund for Life Annual Fund, raised $1.26 million. The money will go into the technology acquisition fund for the purchase of new technology for the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

Over the past 10 years, this combined effort has raised more than $4 million for the cancer program and treatments at the OSUCCC- James. 2011 Celebration for Life Honorary Chairs were Pattie and Steve Steinour, Buckeye Cruise for Cancer Celebration for Life Event Chairs were Judy and Steve Tuckerman and James Annual Fund Chairs were Abigail and Les Wexner, Celebration for Life Event Chairs were Judy and Steve Tuckerman and James Annual Fund Chairs were Abigail and Les Wexner.

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—Les Wexner, Class of ’59

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