



**asante**forward

transforming the health of our community

*Helen K. Spears Cancer Center*



## **Generosity is transforming cancer care for patients in Josephine County and beyond**

*“You have cancer.”*

Chances are, every member of this community will come face-to-face with the impact of this devastating illness – either personally or alongside a loved one, friend, colleague or acquaintance.

Modern cancer care requires precise coordination of physicians, clinicians, technology and supportive services. More than 80 percent of all cancer treatment happens in an outpatient setting, and until the expanded Helen K. Spears Cancer Center opened in January 2022, cancer care in Southern Oregon was delivered in several different locations across the Rogue Valley. This made coordination challenging, and made it difficult for patients to navigate. Asante’s vision is to ease this burden and help save patients and their loved ones from wasting a most precious resource – time. *Cancer is hard enough. Together, we’re making healing easier.*

The expanded Spears Cancer Center establishes our community as the destination for coordinated, integrated cancer care that puts patients and their families first. Because of the generosity of our community and Asante’s vision, patients and families from across the region and the extraordinary physicians, nurses and staff who care for them now have a state-of-the-art home for compassionate, wrap-around care.

*Now, it’s time to build upon what this community established.*

*“Evergreen Federal Bank is pleased to partner with Asante Foundation and all donors who have made this cancer center possible. The expansion enables Asante to offer infusion services locally. Access to these services will help save lives.”*

**- Jeff Hyde, CEO and bank president of Evergreen Federal Bank**



## Hope has a home

Today, the AsanteForward campaign continues, with the ambitious goal of transforming the health of our community through philanthropy. Charitable gifts continue to impact cancer care in the following ways:

- Launching innovative programs
- Enhancing supportive services
- Expanding community partnerships
- Attracting exceptional physicians
- Providing advanced training for nurses and staff
- Helping patients in need

Donors who partner with Asante Foundation have a significant impact on the lives of others and the health of our region. Your generosity provides innovations in treatment, the latest technology, supportive services and touches countless lives.

**Philanthropy is vital to ensure people with cancer and their families have the highest level of care, right here, close to home.** The goal is to raise no less than \$15

million for the Mary and Dick Heimann Cancer Center and Helen K. Spears Cancer Center in Grants Pass. Reaching this goal depends on the generosity and compassion of donors like you. *Charitable gifts of every size make a difference.*

**Learn more about this AsanteForward initiative at:**

[www.asantefoundation.org/cancer-center/](http://www.asantefoundation.org/cancer-center/)

Both Spears Cancer Center and Heimann Cancer Center facilities have the same underlying goal: to make healing easier for patients and their families. Enhancing Asante cancer services across our region will transform health care for our community.



The new Mary and Dick Heimann Cancer Center in Medford.

*“I’m so thrilled that Asante and our community have recognized the need to enhance our cancer services. With the Spears Cancer Center expansion, we will be furthering our efforts to provide world-class cancer care right here in Grants Pass. By having our services under one roof, we can increase collaboration between oncology providers and staff, all to improve convenience, quality and care for our patients and their loved ones.”*

**- Thomas Mullen, MD**

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