

## Community generosity uplifts and drives AsanteForward

While 2020 has presented many interesting challenges, it's also demonstrated the true power of this community and its generosity. From warm meals, to protective equipment donations, to generous contributions of time, talents and financial support, hundreds of individuals and businesses have touched the lives of patients and health care workers at Asante in the face of COVID-19 and the devastating fires. We want to say *thank you to our community*.

As efforts continue to address COVID-19 and help those impacted by the fires, so do our efforts on the urgent projects that drive AsanteForward. Even during unprecedented times, people still receive cancer diagnoses and this critical care can not be delayed or hindered. Enhancing Asante's cancer services and facilities is a key part of the AsanteForward plan.

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 outpatient cancer care in Southern Oregon is currently delivered in several different locations. This can make care coordination challenging, and patients often bear the brunt of this burden, as their lives are suddenly consumed with office visits and travel between various treatment locations. Asante wants to help ease this burden and help save patients and their loved ones from wasting their most precious resource – time.

Spears Cancer Center in Grants Pass recently broke ground on a major expansion to allow for coordinated and integrated cancer care, in one convenient location by nearly tripling in size. This project is one part of Asante's \$1 billion investment in health care over the next 10 years, to help meet the needs of patients now and decades from today.

At completion, 32,000-square-foot facility will include:

- The existing comprehensive Radiation Oncology service
- The Hematology Oncology Associates clinic
- An infusion center on the second floor with 34 bays
- Dedicated oncology pharmacy services
- Supportive services such as Nurse-Navigation, social workers, dietitians and more
- -On-site Lab Services
- Diagnostic CT scanner
- A space created to prepare for future technology advances

The goal is to open the expanded services in early 2022.

**You can help see this project through!**

**Community support is essential to make sure this region remains resilient, vibrant and strong. Learn more or donate today: [www.asantefoundation.org/spears/](http://www.asantefoundation.org/spears/).**