Distinguished Professorship in Medical Oncology

Drs. Mary and Spencer Raab

Dr. Mary Raab and her late husband Dr. Spencer Raab are iconic figures in the fight against cancer and the care of cancer patients in eastern North Carolina. They are known and revered for their compassionate and effective care that has saved and extended lives.

These dedicated physicians first came to the Brody School of Medicine in 1977 to become founding members of the young medical school’s oncology department. Spencer Raab led the first Division of Hematology/Oncology until his death from cancer in 1993. Dr. Mary Raab has continued to work in various roles with the medical school and still sees patients on a limited basis. “Dr. Mary,” as she is called by her many patients, is known to take her own special brand of healing directly to those in her care. One cancer survivor commented, “There are a lot of people in this region who are alive today because of Mary Raab.”

To honor the work of these two incredible physicians, the East Carolina University Medical & Health Sciences Foundation is announcing a campaign to raise funds to establish the Drs. Mary and Spencer Raab Distinguished Professorship in Medical Oncology. This professorship will benefit the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center and help the Brody School of Medicine to recruit and retain faculty/physicians of the highest caliber in the tradition of Dr. Mary Raab and Dr. Spencer Raab. The recipient will contribute significantly to cancer research and patient care.

Together, Mary and Spencer Raab worked tirelessly to treat and care for cancer patients throughout the region for more than 30 years. Seeing the difficulty that many patients had with travel to seek treatment, they formed outreach clinics in Washington, Jacksonville, Morehead City, Edenton and Williamston to provide treatment closer to home for those in their care. Treating patients, teaching students and giving lectures, these dedicated physicians brought integrated cancer therapy, with chemotherapy, radiation, preventive care and education to the region. They also worked tirelessly to develop the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center at the Brody School of Medicine that now provides care to more than 6,000 patients each year. As an academic cancer center it not only treats patients but also conducts research into finding a cure.

Please join with friends, colleagues and grateful patients to honor and foster their legacy through a contribution to the Drs. Mary and Spencer Raab Distinguished Professorship in Medical Oncology.

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Pictured, the late Dr. Spencer Raab

Dr. Mary Raab