## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Greetings,

It is my honor to present you with the 2009 / 2010 Good Samaritan Hospital Cancer Program Annual Report. It has been a full year, and we wanted to share with you some of our highlights. This report is a snapshot of our Cancer Program, and should give you an idea of the services and programs we offered.

We have some new faces at the Good Samaritan Cancer Pavilion. We have been blessed with the addition of a new Medical Oncologist, Dr. Haithem Al-Okk, who joins Dr. Mark Stutz and Lisa Helmerich, NP in the provision of outstanding oncology treatment. Also, we are most recently joined by our new Director of Oncology Services, Ms. Elizabeth (Beth) Glemser who comes to us from Clarian North Medical Center in Indianapolis. Please join me in welcoming them to the Cancer Program.

We have continued to reach out to the community to provide cancer screening throughout the year. We have offered Women's Health Events, the Men's Health Event, and provided multiple sources of reduced rate or free mammograms. This year we were excited to add a new screening event called "Melanoma Monday." With the leadership from Dr. Pete Mallatt and Dr. Mindi Morris, dermatologists at the Dermatology Clinic of Vincennes, we were able to provide skin cancer screening to 50 patients on "Melanoma Monday," May 3, 2010. This was a very successful and well-run program and we thank our dermatology colleagues and their staff for their generous donation of time and services. We hope this can become a regular outreach.

Our inpatient and outpatient oncology nurses and staff have continued to provide outstanding care to oncology patients. Oncology nurses have instituted the oncology nurse navigation support program. The navigation program is recognized nationally as a key component of cancer care services, to provide patients with as much education as possible about their treatment and make a "connection" with each patient at the beginning of treatment and throughout their survivorship.

Certified Cancer Registrar Sheila Snyder and colleague Pam McCleave have attended state and national educational seminars and have instituted several changes in the abstracting process which allows us to expect excellent ongoing data. It is only through evaluation of patient outcomes and review of our treatment modalities and responses that we can continue to assure our community we are providing excellent care.

This brings me to an accomplishment that all in our program are most proud of, the recent American College of Surgeons (ACoS) Commission on Cancer (CoC) Survey. Every three years, an outside reviewer is sent to each CoC approved program to evaluate all aspects of the Cancer Program in a rigorous review that compares each program to known best practices. To prepare for this year's survey, we conducted a mock survey with colleagues from our collaborator Indiana University Simon Cancer Center, which we found very helpful. Our actual CoC survey was in March 2010, and I am pleased to announce we received the Three-year Award with Commendation, and our reviewer proposed our program receive the CoC Outstanding Achievement Award (OAA). This puts us in a very select group of CoC programs across the nation, showing evidence of outstanding cancer care across all aspects of the cancer program.

As always, we feel our most important accomplishment this year is the care we have given to our patients, who trust our program and our people to treat them as we would our own family. I join all members of our Cancer Program in thanking them for their confidence in the Good Samaritan Hospital Cancer Program. We will continue to strive daily to provide them with the best possible care.

Sincerely,

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