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## Patient Testimonial – Tony Hannon Shields Radiation Oncology Center - Mansfield

Tony Hannon is a giver by nature. Whether it is sharing great recipes with friends and family, making dinner every night for his children and wife of 42 years or giving back to the community, Tony is known for his generosity, kindness, humor and drive. Tony recently shared the story of something that changed his life: his personal experience with pharyngeal cancer.

In February, Tony felt a lump on his neck. Thinking he had pulled a muscle, he went to his PCP, Dr. Phyllis Fine; Dr. Fine referred him to an Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Dr. Dhingra. After examination and further testing it was determined that Tony had a cancer diagnosis. To treat his cancer, Tony's doctor recommended both chemotherapy and radiation therapy. For radiation therapy, Dr. Dingra referred him to Dr. Daniel Han at Shields Radiation Oncology Center in Mansfield.

"Imagine, the first day of my treatment was actually on my birthday." shares Tony. "I was born on St. Patty's day and I have always felt pretty lucky. I didn't feel so lucky on this birthday, but from the moment I met Dr. Han, I knew everything would be OK. He explained everything very clearly and was a straight shooter which I appreciated. Dr. Han wanted my family to be a part of my treatment so that everyone would understand what needed to be done. I appreciated that he treated not only me but my entire family. We are a team and he recognized the importance of the things that were most important to me" said Tony.



Dr. Han let Tony know that he would need seven weeks of treatment. "We ran into some transportation issues, but Shields worked around what my family needed." said Tony. "I felt safe and truly cared for at Shields Radiation Oncology Center. The nurses, including Robin, who is an absolute angel, would hug me and call to see how I was doing. God bless all the life savers that are there for us during a time of need."

Tony went on to say, "I felt incredibly inspired because every day I saw committed caregivers who are there to heal and help patients and families. The care I received from the entire team provided strength and a huge sense of compassion and support. I learned a lot going through my treatment. Each day I was reminded of the importance of pride, dedication, compassion and love for your fellow man. This has always been a part of my value system and the care I received reflected all of the things that I think are essential."

Tony feels that attitude is a big part of overcoming challenges. "When you are surrounded by positive people, good things happen" he shares.

While Tony's treatment has been successfully completed, his experience provided the natural 'giver' a new way to give back – sharing his journey to help other patients and their families.