

Leavey Cancer Center

The Greatest Gift

It's true that healing begins with human connection. Just ask **Sherrie Padelford**. As she fought breast cancer, she received overwhelming support from the **Leavey Cancer Center**, her family and friends and her third-grade students who shaved their heads to show they cared.

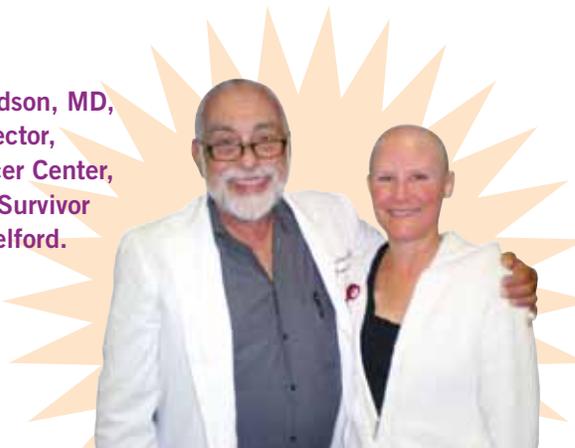
When Sherrie first discovered a lump during a self-breast exam, she immediately scheduled her annual mammogram at the **Carole Pump Women's Center**. After an ultrasound and biopsy, **Harold Marks, MD**, Breast Surgeon, confirmed she had breast cancer. He performed a lumpectomy, followed by six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation.

Throughout treatment, Sherrie continued teaching her third-grade class because it was a welcomed distraction. "It was the only time I forgot I was sick," she shares. "I was honest with my students because I knew I'd miss days during treatment. I was touched when some of the boys shaved their heads in support!"

During radiation treatments, Sherrie also made an unexpected friend with the therapist who administered her treatments. "We chatted a lot, and she shared her crocheting with me," says Sherrie. "She's become a permanent fixture in my social circle, and now I crochet too." In fact, Sherrie recently crocheted a blanket and bunny for her niece's baby.

What's more, she's now cancer free. "The greatest gift in the whole experience, if such can be said of cancer, was learning how much I'm loved and valued by those closest to me," she shares.

J. Gary Davidson, MD,
Medical Director,
Leavey Cancer Center,
and Cancer Survivor
Sherrie Padelford.



One-Stop Fight Against Cancer

"With decades of experience, the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Cancer Center listens to our patients and knows what they expect from the San Fernando Valley's leading Cancer Center—advanced cancer technology, *Best in America*-ranked Oncology Specialists and comprehensive care all in one location," says **Carl Singerman, MD**, Medical Oncologist.

Our Comprehensive Care Includes:

- Brain & Spine Cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer
- Gynecologic Cancer
- Liver & Pancreatic Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Lymphoma & Leukemia
- Prostate Cancer
- Skin Cancer
- A Cancer Center Tumor Board who tailors an individualized treatment plan for each patient
- A Nurse Navigator to guide patients one-on-one through treatment

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Leavey Cancer Center Physicians

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Sheldon Davidson, MD, Hematology/Oncology
Thomas Joseph, MD, Hematology/Oncology
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Harold Marks, MD, Cancer Liaison Physician
Kimberly Mislick, MD, Medical Director, Pathology
Afshin Safa, MD, Radiation Oncology
Carl Singerman, MD, Hematology/Oncology
Draupadi Talreja, MD, Oncology

Advanced Cancer-Fighting Tools

da Vinci Si Robotic Assisted Surgery

da Vinci Si gives surgeons unparalleled precision to remove prostate and gynecologic cancers—either through incisions the size of a dime or one small incision in the bellybutton. Patient advantages include shorter hospitalization and speedy recoveries.

Trilogy Linear Accelerator

Stereotactic System—for image-guided radiation therapy and stereotactic radiosurgery. “The Trilogy can treat cancer anywhere in the body by delivering a dose of radiation with pinpoint accuracy, resulting in fewer treatment sessions,” says **Afshin Safa, MD**, Radiation Oncologist.



**Radiation Oncologist
Afshin Safa, MD**

Gamma Knife Radiosurgery

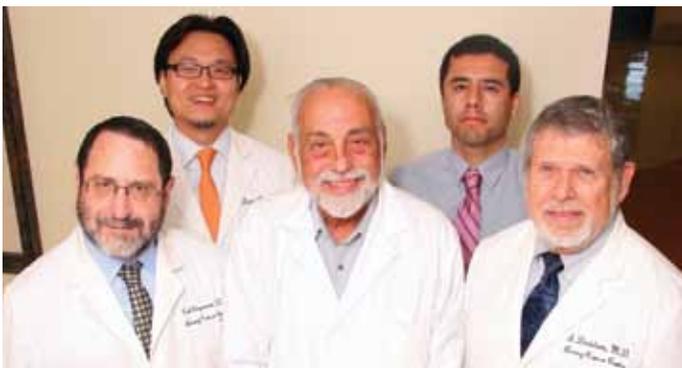
—the gold standard in controlling brain tumors without the need for conventional surgery or whole-brain radiation therapy.

BrainLAB Image-Guided Navigation System—for surgery of head and neck cancers.

Chemotherapy—offers patients the latest approaches, while minimizing side effects.

Advanced imaging services include: **PET/CT, Digital Mammography, 64-slice CT, Triphasic CT Scanning** and **Angiography**.

Precise Radiation Therapy, including: **MammoSite©, IMRT, Brachytherapy** and **Seed Implant**.



**Medical Oncologists Carl Singerman, MD;
David Kim, MD; J. Gary Davidson, MD;
Juan Alcantar, MD; and Sheldon Davidson, MD.**



Many familiar faces attended the Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament Honoring Jamie Foxx and Shaquille O’Neil: Joe Torre, MLB Executive VP of Baseball Operations; Cedric the Entertainer; Kevin Hart, Comedian; Dana Pump, Philanthropist; Shaquille O’Neal, NBA Basketball Star; Jamie Foxx, Academy Award-winning Actor; and David Pump, Philanthropist.

Pumped to Fight Cancer

Every year, celebrities and sports greats converge to help fight cancer at the Pump Celebrity Golf Tournament and Dinner sponsored by David and Dana Pump. To date, more than \$6 million has been raised by the Harold and Carole Pump Foundation, which honors a beloved father who lost his battle to cancer in 2000 and a loving mother who passed away in 2012.

“You’ve got to really respect the Pump brothers for what they do in honor of their father and also helping people with the money they raise for cancer.”

—**Earvin “Magic” Johnson, Lakers Legend, Basketball Hall of Famer**

“If you’re honoring us, you’re honoring all those people whose lives have been touched by this beast, and who every day fight that battle. And with the help of the Pump boys, they’ll win the battle.”

—**Denzel Washington, Actor**

“They’re so commendable for the charity they do for cancer. My mom is a cancer survivor, so this is very dear to me.”

—**Sugar Ray Leonard, Int’l Boxing Hall of Famer**