

Schauer Group donates \$150,000

CANTONThe Schauer Group is celebrating its 100th birthday by making a contribution to the planned Timken Family Cancer Center.

The risk management and business insurance firm is donating \$150,000 to the \$28 million renovation and building project, which could break ground this fall.

When completed, the 77,600-square-foot cancer center is expected to house all of Aultman's cancer-related services in a family-friendly setting. Construction likely will take three years.

"Schauer Group's generous leadership gift to the Timken Family Cancer Center project is a prime example of the group's

unwavering commitment to serving our community," said Edward J. Roth III, president and chief executive officer for Aultman Health Foundation. "This investment will bring us one step closer to delivering a comprehensive cancer center to provide the highest-quality care close to home for local patients and their families."

The Schauer Group, which has offices in downtown Canton at the Millennium Centre, is a firm that offers risk analysis, human capital services and insurance for businesses. It was founded as an insurance agency in 1919 and today is one of the state's largest independent insurance agencies.

The gift to Aultman is larger than usual for the Schauer Group. The company is celebrating its centennial, and one of the company's values is commitment - both to its associates and the community, said Joseph Schauer, vice president with the Schauer Group and a member of the team that's raising money for the cancer center.

"For us, when we think of Aultman, we think of first-class health care," he said.

The donation from the Schauer Group is one of several notable contributions that's been made during the "quiet phase" of fundraising before the campaign goes public. Other gifts include:

n\$5 million raised by the Aultman Women's Board

n\$3 million from the Timken Foundation of Canton, which earned the Timken family the naming rights to the new facility

n\$500,000 from Steve Gregory and Lisa Warburton-Gregory, who areco-chairing the capital campaignfor the center

nGifts from the Stark Community Foundation, the George H. Deuble Foundation, the Hoover Foundation, Joe and Marlene Toot, and the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation, among others

"We are truly grateful for these partners and others," Roth said. "Together, we will transform cancer care for our community."

Other announcements about the project are expected in the coming weeks.

In Aultman's five-county region, there were more than 18,650 recorded cases of invasive cancer between 2012 and 2016, according to the most recent data from the Ohio Department of Health. Aultman's health care system treats about 4,000 cancer patients a year.

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