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William D. Smith Attends Duke Medicine Cancer Center's Groundbreaking Ceremony

Smith received invitations to events including the Joint Conference of the Board of Overseers and Citizen's Advisory Council and the Shingleton Society's awards and dinner.

Raleigh, NC (November 2009) – William D. Smith, Sales Manager at Capitol Financial Solutions and a member of Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center's Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) attended the official groundbreaking ceremony on November 6, 2009 for the new Duke Medicine Cancer Center, a new building that will handle the growing need for expanded outpatient services.

The ceremony featured remarks by Victor J. Dzau, M.D., president and CEO of Duke University Health System (DUHS); William J. Fulkerson, M.D., senior vice president of clinical affairs for DUHS; and Kevin Sowers, MSN, RN, FAAN, CEO of DUHS. In addition, Smith was honored with invitations to the exclusive Shingleton Society's awards and dinner, which recognizes the "outstanding service and generosity" of individuals who are committed to the war against cancer, as well as the Joint Conference of the Board of Overseers and the CAC.

"The opening of Duke Medicine Cancer Center is a huge step toward our goal of improving the quality of life for cancer patients," said Will Smith, CLTC. "Having a father treated at Duke helped me realize firsthand the hardship a family goes through when a loved one is diagnosed with cancer."

Smith has been involved with Duke's Cancer Center for over three years supporting the institution that is internationally renowned for its cutting edge research and devotion to patient care and treatment. This past spring, Smith attended and participated in the Cancer Center's Board of Overseer's Conference in Durham, NC. The two-day event took place at the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club and was comprised of doctors, scientists, donors, advocates and survivors. Smith, a guest speaker, gave a 20 minute talk about his family's experience there, his thoughts on cancer, and his vision of personal commitment to the organization.

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About Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center and Duke Medicine Cancer Center

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