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ACKERMAN CANCER CENTER NAMES BRIGHT LIGHT AWARD RECIPIENT

Record Number of Inductees Join BEAM Team

August 16, 2019 - Jacksonville, FL – Ackerman Cancer Center is proud to announce Gary Corbitt as the recipient of the inaugural BEAM Team Bright Light Award. Corbitt received the award at the annual BEAM Team induction ceremony held Tuesday evening at The River Club.

The BEAM Team was created in 2017 as a way for patients who had completed treatment with either traditional radiation or proton therapy to volunteer as mentors for others in the community who are facing a cancer diagnosis. The name of the team conveys the mission and goals of the group: Bravely Educating and Mentoring. BEAM Team members can be a resource for an individual who is nervous about beginning treatment and wants to speak to someone who has been in their shoes.

The diverse team members are tremendous advocates for the cancer community, sharing their stories and advocating for access to care. They lead support groups, plan survivor events, and are a shining light for patients, caregivers, and healthcare professionals.

As an advocate for men's health and prostate screenings, Gary Corbitt has gone above and beyond in his role as a BEAM Team member. He is involved in the American Cancer Society and has become an advocate for basic healthcare access for all, as well as proton therapy for those who need it. Corbitt is an avid runner and remains involved in Ackerman Cancer Center's wellness initiatives.

Dr. Scot Ackerman recognized Corbitt with the inaugural BEAM Team Bright Light Award after welcoming a record number of inductees to the BEAM Team. Twenty four former patients joined the group including Alyssa Castro, Ackerman Cancer Center's 1,000th proton therapy patient.

If you or a loved one are considering traditional radiation or proton therapy and would like to speak to a BEAM Team member, contact Ackerman Cancer Center's oncology social work department at socialwork@ackermancancer.com to be connected.

About Ackerman Cancer Center

Ackerman Cancer Center's mission is to be the first resource where patients turn when diagnosed with any type of cancer. Ackerman Cancer Center provides the most advanced

radiation oncology treatments available, including proton beam therapy, in a compassionate and respectful environment. A highly trained staff of radiation oncologists and medical professionals provide convenient access to care at three locations across Northeast Florida. Learn more at www.ackermancancercenter.com.