UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Event Policy

UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center is grateful to individuals and community organizations who wish to sponsor a fundraising event that benefits cancer research at the Cancer Center. Such events are an extremely important source of support, particularly events that provide unrestricted funds for the Cancer Center’s highest priority research initiatives. Please review the following guidelines and submit the attached Fundraising Event Application Form to the UNC Lineberger Office of External Affairs at least four (4) weeks prior to the proposed event. Please allow two (2) weeks for a written response. Please do not solicit contributions for your event or use the name UNC Lineberger for any purpose until your event is approved.

UNC Lineberger does not advance monies, provide donor lists or solicit sponsorship revenue for fundraising events. Additionally, our ability to provide services for your event is limited by staff size and internal obligations. We state this information in advance so that there are no disappointments or misunderstandings with regard to our ability to support your fundraising event.

What is the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center?

Established in 1975, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center is the only public comprehensive cancer center for the people and state of North Carolina and a nationally recognized leader in cancer treatment, research and prevention. Our physicians treat cancer patients from every county in North Carolina with the highest quality and most compassionate care. The Center provides “multidisciplinary programs” for most cancers, giving patients the benefit of many medical specialists in one place, often in one visit.

We offer treatment innovations for the toughest cases through clinical trials—from novel cancer vaccines and drugs to new ways of enhancing current chemotherapy. UNC Lineberger has recruited and brought together a world-renowned faculty intent on translating discovery into action, moving knowledge from the laboratory bench to the patient bedside and to communities throughout our state.

What is the N.C. Cancer Hospital?
The N.C. Cancer Hospital is the headquarters for the clinical cancer programs of the UNC Health Care System and its renowned UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. In August 2004, the State of North Carolina authorized $180 million in funding to construct the state-of-the-art hospital. Construction on the hospital began in October 2005, and the building opened in late 2009. The state’s investment substantially improved patient care for the citizens of North Carolina and through the stimulation of cancer research, impact the state’s economy and position as a national leader in biotechnology.

North Carolinians from all 100 counties come to UNC for their cancer care. The number of UNC cancer patients has increased 35% in the last six years and is projected to double by the year 2020. For more information about the N.C. Cancer Hospital, visit http://www.unclineberger.org/ncch/.
Special Events Guidelines
As a charitable, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, UNC Lineberger complies with a wide range of federal and state requirements, as well as general and accepted accounting standards, that dictate our policies and procedures regarding fundraising events and activities to benefit UNC Lineberger. The following guidelines are intended to facilitate your compliance with our practices.

General Guidelines
To secure approval from UNC Lineberger, your event must comply with all federal, state and local laws governing charitable fundraising, gift reporting, and special events in addition to federal and state laws regarding the sale, distribution, and consumption of alcohol. If another organization will benefit from the event, UNC Lineberger must be notified in advance. It must be clear on all event materials what portion of the proceeds will benefit UNC Lineberger. In accordance with the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance’s guidelines for charitable promotions, all advertising and promotional materials for your event must clearly disclose to the public the specific amount of money from the consumer’s purchase that will be donated to UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center (e.g. “$10 of each ticket purchased,” “10% of the sales price of this product,” etc.)

Receipting and Tax-Deductibility of Charitable Donations to UNC Lineberger
• Donations should be made by check payable to UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center (UNC LCCC)
• In accordance with tax law, UNC Lineberger will appropriately thank and provide tax documentation for the monetary gifts made directly to UNC Lineberger.
• UNC Lineberger requires the person or organization holding the event to supply the following:
  • The name and address of the donor
  • If a cash contribution, the amount contributed
  • The date of the contribution
  • A description of any goods or services provided in exchange for the contribution
• If any goods and/or services are received in return for charitable donations (i.e. auction purchases, tokens of appreciation, “giveaways,” meals, beverages, etc.), the fair market value of those goods and/or services should be determined and communicated to individuals prior to their making a donation. The value of goods and/or services will be deducted from the total donation amount to determine the tax-deductible portion of the donation.

Promotional Materials
• The UNC Lineberger and UNC logos are registered trademarks and cannot be reproduced without written permission from UNC Lineberger.
• All event materials that include the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center name and/or logo must be reviewed and approved by the Office of External Affairs. Materials include, but are not limited to: advertising, press releases, posters, flyers, and t-shirts.
• UNC Lineberger is the beneficiary - NOT the sponsor – of all benefit events. Publicity should list the name of the event followed by “…benefiting the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.” If the gift is designated to a particular area (ex. a particular research area or program), the area must be listed as the beneficiary - not the Cancer Center’s name in general (i.e. … benefiting pancreatic cancer research at UNC Lineberger)
• Promotional flyers and/or tickets which invite people to sign up or purchase tickets should state the portion
which may be tax-deductible, if the price is beyond the fair market value of the event itself. The Office of External Affairs can assist in proper wording.

Sponsorships
- UNC Lineberger reserves the right to review sponsorship proposals and packages for appropriate references to UNC Lineberger, as well as language regarding charitable deductions.
- Solicitation of businesses involving the direct or implied use of UNC Lineberger’s name or logo must be approved in advance by the development office. Many businesses already support UNC Lineberger and may not wish to make additional donations.

Insurance/Permits
- The event organizer must obtain any necessary permits, licenses, or insurance.
- The event sponsors or hosts agree to indemnify and hold harmless the University of North Carolina, UNC Lineberger, and all related entities, from all claims and liabilities that may arise from any acts or omissions of its agents, volunteers, or employees, or from any claim by it or anyone else related to the quality, performance, or failure to perform during the specified time of the event.

Volunteer Assistance
- It is the responsibility of the event sponsors/organizers to recruit, train, and thank any volunteers needed for the event.

Event Expenses
- If event expenses are greater than the money raised by the event, the event organizer is responsible for those expenses.

Time Requirement for Delivery of Charitable Contribution
- Please forward the event proceeds to UNC Lineberger within 30 days of the fundraising event to:

  UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center
  Office of External Affairs
  CB 7295
  Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7295

What UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center can provide:
- Letter on official UNC Lineberger stationery for the sponsoring individual/organization to use in its fundraising and sponsor recruitment efforts. (Letter includes tax-exempt information.)
- Limited existing materials for your event such as brochures
- Advice for volunteers/event organizers re: fundraising, public relations, marketing, etc.
- Information re: current research at UNC Lineberger (possibly specific to a certain type of cancer, e.g. colon cancer or leukemia) for distribution at the event or for public relations efforts conducted by the sponsoring organization.
- Promote the event on UNC Lineberger’s website and other appropriate media (on a case-by-case basis).
- Press release template
- Review of your press release(s)
- Review promotional materials and, if appropriate, approve the use of and provide a UNC Lineberger logo.
• Letter of thanks (including gift receipt) to event’s donors

What UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center may be able to provide (depending on schedules/type of event, etc.)
  • A UNC Lineberger representative to set up a booth/table at the event to answer basic questions.
  • A UNC Lineberger representative to participate in a check presentation at the event.

For legal and other reasons, UNC Lineberger is not able to perform the following activities or functions for events it does not sponsor directly:
  • Public relations support
  • Staff support (e.g. event organizing, recruiting of event sponsors/participants)
  • Financial support (e.g. upfront money)
  • Provide mailing lists or email addresses of donors, physicians, employees, or volunteers
  • Provide insurance coverage
  • Issue receipts for donations not made directly to UNC Lineberger
  • Solicit sponsorship revenue for your fundraising activities
  • Distribute promotional materials throughout the University of North Carolina
  • Provide auction services or systems