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Thank you for your recent gift supporting one of our Oncology programs. Your donation makes a tremendous impact on the lives of our patients and their families as they battle cancer and daily challenges.

Oncology Funds

Adolescent & Young Adult Fund - Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC)
 Anthony L. Soave Mobile Mammography & Health Screening Center - St. John Providence (SJP)
 "Because We Care" Breast Program - SJP
 Believe in Miracles Fund - Providence-Providence Park Hospital (PPPH)
 Breast Cancer Care - SJP
 Breast Care Services Fund - PPPH
 Cancer Center Renovation Fund - PPPH
 Cancer Community Fund - PPPH
 Elliot Breast Care Center - PPPH
 Gynecology Oncology Research Fund - PPPH
 Infusion Center Renovation Fund - St. John River District Hospital
 Jerome F. Williams Gastric Cancer Program - VECC
 Joan Gehrke Endowed Oncology Fund - St. John Hospital & Medical Center (SJHMC)
 Liggett Breast Center Fund - VECC
 Lymphoma Program & Research - VECC
 Maria R. Lucarelli Fund - SJP
 Meade Family Pediatric Hematology Oncology Fund - VECC
 Michael and Rose Assarian Cancer Center Needy Patient Fund - VECC
 Oncology Center of Excellence - SJP
 Oncology Clinical Trials - PPPH
 Oncology Education Fund - PPPH
 Oncology Psychology Program - VECC
 Providence Cancer Institute
 Providence Center for Healing Arts - PPPH
 Ruppert & Marian Roehm Endowment - VECC
 Shirley A. Hanson Cancer Endowment - St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital
 Sr. Verence McQuade Oncology Research Endowment - SJHMC
 Stephen B. Campau Oncology Endowment - SJHMC
 Valade Healing Arts Center Fund - VECC
 Van Elslander Cancer Center Service Support
 Webber Cancer Center Service Support

You play a role in helping our patients

Edward and Johanna's story

Edward and Johanna are grateful for the assistance they received from one of many needy patient funds made possible through donor support.



Edward & Johanna

Edward suffered an aneurysm three years ago and was diagnosed in 2015 with idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, a blood disorder that can lead to easy or excessive bruising and bleeding. He's been unable to work since starting treatment at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, and the couple has been getting by on Johanna's income alone. With the costs associated with Edward's care, money has been very tight.

Soon after Edward began treatment, the couple had problems paying their utility bills. A St. John Providence social worker learned about the situation and began working with Johanna and Edward to obtain an extension on their electric bill. Yet one day they arrived home to find their electricity shut off. Thanks to a needy patient fund, the social worker put Johanna and Edward up for the night in a modest hotel and paid the electric bill, relieving them of their worries.

"Caring for my husband, who has a weakened immune system as he undergoes treatment, would have been terribly difficult without electricity," Johanna says. "It was such a relief to have the utility bill resolved—it was a miracle. I'm grateful to everyone who supports the needy patient funds, because help was there when we needed it most."

Last year

1.7 million people in U.S.
diagnosed with cancer
57,420 people in Michigan



Donor Favorites



St. John Providence has several restricted funds dedicated to breast cancer; some are designated to purchase equipment and educational materials while others offer direct assistance to patients.

“Because We Care” Breast Program - SJP: Assists uninsured or underinsured women with breast cancer prevention programs, diagnosis and treatment.

Breast Cancer Care - SJP: Helps obtain state-of-the-art technology, establish new programs, enhance clinical quality, assist patients with coordination of care, treatment and follow up, and enhance clinical trials and clinical support.

Breast Care Services Fund - PPPH: Provides mammography screenings, education of professional and community members, and other services related to breast care health.

Elliott Breast Care Center - PPPH: Supports purchase of equipment and educational materials.

Liggett Breast Center Fund - VECC: Assists with breast cancer treatment.

Your donations support cancer care at the SJP system level and at your local hospitals and cancer centers.

Providence Cancer Institute

Providence Center for Healing Arts

Van Elslander Cancer Center Service Support

Webber Cancer Center Service Support

Oncology Center of Excellence - SJP: Donations allow us to obtain state-of-the-art technology, establish new programs and support patients throughout their cancer journey.

Meade Family Pediatric Hematology Oncology Fund - VECC: Supports program needs for pediatric patients and their families dealing with cancers and blood disorders.

Cheri's story



Cheri Epstein

After doctors diagnosed Cheri Epstein with stage 3 endometrial cancer, she began a whirlwind of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. After finishing treatment, she became isolated and fearful of resuming her social life.

“The initial shock and emotion of dealing with my cancer diagnosis remained with me,” says Cheri, a retired preschool teacher. “I felt vulnerable, sad and sick. I didn’t want to leave the house because of my compromised immune system. I just stayed in bed all day.”

A St. John Providence social worker learned about Cheri’s coping issues and told her about the many Healing Arts programs St. John Providence offers to patients.

“Once I learned that program participants have to be completely healthy so they don’t impact the wellness of others, I decided to give it a try,” Cheri says.

Over the past year, Cheri has become a very active Healing Arts participant. She regularly attends knitting and ceramics classes and a cancer patient support group. She even gave painting a try—something she’d never done.

“The Healing Arts program has given me strength, comfort and confidence,” says Cheri, who is now in remission. “Going to my ceramics class is like going to see my family. The other patients I’ve met are wonderful, and the staff and volunteers are very warm and kind. Everyone has helped me enhance my self-esteem and embrace life.

“I don’t know how to thank donors who support Healing Arts programs enough, except to say it’s been a marvelous experience.”

Nearly 16,000
children & adolescents
diagnosed with cancer
last year



Healing the body, mind and spirit

St. John Providence Healing Arts Centers, based on a philosophy of wholeness, are available at several locations and offer a full spectrum of programs and resources to nurture the body, mind and spirit of our patients and their family members. From yoga, massage, medical hypnotherapy/guided imagery and patient support groups... to art therapy including ceramics, painting and knitting classes, there is something for everyone. In addition, an exceptional collection of comforting and healing gift items are available for sale in the Mindbodyspirit Gift Shop.



Cancer
#2 cause of death
1 in 4 deaths
1,620 die daily in U.S.

40% of people
will be diagnosed with
cancer
in their lifetime

With your help...a Brighter Tomorrow

1,045 caring donors
contributed **1,385** gifts



totaling **\$1.84 million**
to SJP Oncology programs
in the past 20 months



Oncology Psychologist Program—

implemented to help patients
and families
cope with cancer diagnosis,
thanks to

**\$300,000 in
donor support**

Our patients have access to
**Enhanced Radiation
Treatment Therapy**
through new
**state-of-the-art
Linear Accelerators**

at the Webber Cancer Center,
made possible in part by donations,
and at the Assarian Cancer Center
and Providence Cancer Center

In the 1st nine months of operation,
931 underserved women
received mammograms at
78 locations from
**The Anthony L. Soave Family
Mobile Mammography &
Health Screening Center,**
the only 1 in metro Detroit



Your gifts helped many patients by providing:

- transportation for those who had no way to get to and from treatment
- assistance with medical bills for necessary treatments
- wigs for breast cancer patients
- massage, reflexology, Reiki services, yoga classes and medical hypnotherapy at our Healing Arts Centers
- payment of water, gas, electric and telephone bills, property taxes, homeowners and car insurance
- gas cards, Kroger and Walmart gift cards for groceries and toiletries, a Target gift card for a homeless cancer patient to purchase food and clothing
- updates to the Meade Pediatric Hematology Oncology Center geared more toward the needs of adolescent patients, including flat screen TVs, DVD players, movies, Apple iPads, gaming console, games and other items of “distraction”
- toys, arts and crafts projects, interactive games delivered by Santa for hospitalized children
- free or low-cost mammograms for uninsured or underinsured women
- comfortable pillows and drain holders for mastectomy patients

Donors make big impact on breast cancer care

Our donors support many programs which help provide breast cancer prevention programs, screenings and treatment for patients and assistance for ancillary expenses. Among these are the “**Because We Care**” Breast Program and the new **Anthony L. Soave Family Mobile Mammography and Health Screening Center**, which both assist uninsured and underinsured women.



The Anthony L. Soave Family Mobile Mammography and Health Screening Center travels to metro Detroit sites such as churches, businesses, community centers and shelters bringing state-of-the-art mammography services to medically underserved women in a motor coach. St. John Providence partners with the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program to provide free mammograms to uninsured women who qualify for the program. A generous donation from the Soave Family made the mobile unit possible. For information on scheduling an appointment or bringing the mobile unit to your site, call 844-SJP-MAMM (844-757-6266).

Breast cancer is 2nd leading cause of death



and most frequently diagnosed cancer for women

Cancer mortality is higher among men than women



of new cancer cases in U.S. last year:

291,150—digestive system

234,190—breast

221,200—lung/bronchus

220,800—prostate

Exceptional Care and Technology

Tomosynthesis 3D mammography technology

is available at:

Providence-Providence Park Hospital Breast Centers in Southfield & Novi

Liggett Breast Center at St. John Hospital & Medical Center

Anthony L. Soave Family Mobile Mammography & Health Screening Center

SJP's Farmington Hills & Livonia Breast Centers



All SJP cancer programs are accredited

by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer & the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals — **an honor** only **1** in **4** cancer programs has received



SJP is a **premier destination for gastric cancers**—

1 of **30** health systems nationwide and the **1st in Michigan** to offer

Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC), used for advanced cancers in the abdominal cavity lining



Through a **joint venture** with the **University of Michigan Department of Radiology**, university care is offered in a community setting at our Cancer Centers in Novi and Southfield



SJP patients can participate in **clinical trials** through cooperative groups & pharmaceutical studies



SJP offers **complimentary Healing Arts programs** to cancer patients as part of our promise to treat the whole patient—body, mind and spirit

33 million people are **5-year cancer survivors**



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