

Corona Cares



Did you know?

- More than 55,000 North Carolinians will be diagnosed with cancer this year
- More than 19,500 will die of cancer
- The cost of treating cancer has doubled over the last 10 years
- 1 in 4 patients and families with cancer use up all or most of their savings paying for treatment.
- Patients and families made more than 16,000 visits to the Patient & Family Resource Center last year.

UNC Cancer Care



- Welcomes all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.
- Treats patients from all 100 North Carolina Counties.
- UNC Health Care provided more than \$300 million in uncompensated health care this year.



Every Dollar Makes a Difference!

Help us provide support for:

- Patients who have just been diagnosed and need information about their options (60 each day): **\$5 buys educational materials for one patient .**
- Patients who are losing their hair due to cancer treatment (more than 1500 last year): **\$150-\$250 buys a wig, \$20 buys a hat, \$10 buys a scarf.**
- Patients who can't eat solid food due to cancer or cancer treatment: **\$40 buys a case of high-protein supplement (125 cases are distributed each month). \$100 provides a counseling session from a cancer certified nutritionist.**
- A patient who can't work due to cancer, but must travel 150 miles a day, every day, for up to five weeks for radiation treatment: **\$40 provides a week's worth of parking fees and \$25 provides a week's worth of gas cards. More than 28 percent of all patients drive over 50 miles to be seen at UNC Cancer Care.**

More than 4500 new patients each year come to UNC Cancer Care and there are more than 110,000 patient visits.

Real Help for Patients and Families



Susan and Karl Owen

Susan and Karl Owen never thought that they would face cancer their 40s. Susan was diagnosed in 2008, at the age of 46, with lung cancer. A non-smoker, Susan lost her battle two years later after the cancer spread to her brain. The couple's children, Marcus and Jordan, were 8 and 11 when their mother was diagnosed.

Susan's doctor, Tom Stinchcombe, MD, suggested that they visit with Dr.

Don Rosenstein and the professionals at the Comprehensive Cancer Support Program. During her treatment, Susan was able to take advantage of services like massages, acupuncture, water aerobics and advice from a nutritionist.

Karl says, "We realized during Susan's treatment that there were numerous people who traveled more than 50 miles for treatment. People don't realize how many resources your family needs to get through the treatment process: child care, gas, parking, and spouses or caregivers having to not only work, but also manage the household."

When Susan and Karl decided to stop treatment, they came back to CCSP and talked to Dr. Justin Yopp about how to talk to their children and their concerns about how Susan's death might affect them.

Karl went on to help form a group for single fathers who have lost their wives to cancer. He now volunteers with Dr. Rosenstein and Dr. Yopp in the support group and program offered through CCSP and speaks to trainee doctors about how to communicate with patients and families when there is bad news. He also serves on the patient and family advisory board of the N.C. Cancer Hospital.

To learn more about Karl's experience, visit <http://unclineberger.org/signature-events/calendar/corona-cares>.



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