

Serving the Inland Northwest

Cancer Patient Care is a community partner with Spokane's major cancer centers, which means those clients who don't find CPC on their own are referred by social workers, nurses, or doctors involved in their medical care.

"People may or may not qualify for programs," explains Sherri Calhoun, an RN who plans the medical and emotional support regimen for cancer patients at Providence Cancer Center. "And the referral systems can take months and months. Cancer Patient Care can give immediate assistance in hours."

A person is eligible for CPC services by being actively treated for cancer, and meeting federal poverty guidelines. According to the most recent statistics in 2005, close to 14%, or more than 100,000 people in Eastern Washington lived at the poverty level, which is above both national and state levels. At least 130,000 have no health insurance.

Low-income cancer patients are 2-3 times more likely to die due to late diagnosis and lack of adequate follow-up care. (American Cancer Society)

CPC provided over \$100,000 in direct emergency financial assistance to cancer patients in 2006.

CPC provides financial aid and support to over 500 cancer patients and their families every month.

Visit our website cancerpatientcare.org or call (509) 456-0446 to request our service guidelines or information regarding assistance.



Through its rural outreach program, Cancer Patient Care offers financial, emotional and nutritional assistance to people battling cancer in Washington counties of Spokane, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan, Lincoln, Adams, Whitman, Garfield, and Asotin. Patients in North Idaho's Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone counties may qualify for some services as well.

CPC supplies qualified clients up to four cases a month of nutritional supplements, prescription assistance, as well as quarterly utility bill payments, vouchers for groceries, and gas money or bus tokens. They also loan medical equipment and supplies to any cancer patient regardless of financial need.

Any cancer patient can also use the resources from the Reimer Room, an ever-expanding room-sized loaner closet filled with donated wigs,



"I fully believe in the mission of Cancer Patient Care. Every day I have the privilege of being with our clients; I see their tears, I hear their thank-you's. I feel as though they have given me more than we have ever given them."

— Stephanie Gural, CPC Social Worker for 11 years