



hairpieces, colorful scarves, hand-knitted hats, breast theses and prosthetic bras.

The goals of its founding members are reflected in Cancer Patient Care's values and mission:

"All cancer patients and their families deserve equal access to health care, improved quality of life, emotional support, dignity and self-respect, and a fighting chance" ..and that they receive these services "through a community that is fully aware and supportive of cancer patient needs, and that participates in providing them."

Over 100,000 residents of Eastern WA live at or below the poverty level. More than 130,000 people have no health insurance.

"We know everything that's out there nationally, in our own system," says Linda

Thompson, Providence's Cancer Center's Executive Director, who has guided two of her own sisters through cancer treatment.

"But there is a point at which no social system meets the needs of all patients. Cancer Patient Care is outside of all those regular systems. We're very lucky that we have one last stop...so I don't have to face a patient and say 'There's nothing else I can do for you.'"



"My mother had a mastectomy; she used to stuff her bras with socks or cotton. She didn't feel whole. If you have cancer, you're fighting a hell of a fight. You deserve to have a place that you can go to be able to feel whole again."

— Lucille Reimer, on why she and her husband Bob founded "The Reimer Room"



Cancer Care Northwest

Cancer Care Northwest (CCNW) understands the importance of collaboration when treating patients who are diagnosed with cancer. Collaboration reduces error, increases

productivity, and, for cancer patients, it improves their chance of overcoming the disease because physicians can work together to identify the best treatment plan for each individual.

A leader in collaboration, CCNW offers a multidisciplinary approach at its four practices in Spokane to treat patients with cancer and blood disorders. With physicians specializing in medical, radiation, surgical and gynecologic oncology, a patient can receive treatment more efficiently, reducing time, travel and stress. CCNW is one of a handful of comprehensive cancer treatment centers in the nation.

In addition to the range of oncology subspecialties, services including financial counseling, social services and support groups are offered to patients and their families to guide them through the complex health care system and cope with daily struggles. Physicians and staff are dedicated to treating the entire patient physically, mentally and spiritually — not just the cancer itself. This level of commitment and compassion helps support patients through their treatment and to live more fulfilling lives.

CCNW collaborates with organizations in the community as a commitment to delivering the highest quality care. Cancer Patient Care, a longtime partner, is one of these organizations that is a crucial resource for individuals needing financial, medical or logistical support.

Dr. Ryan Holbrook, President of CCNW, is grateful for Cancer Patient Care.

"Cancer Patient Care has made such a difference in the lives of many of our patients. At CCNW, our goal is to provide seamless cancer care in a timely



Louise Waddle, a Cancer Care Northwest nurse, shares a hug with her patient, Dorothy Draggoo, at the South office.

manner. Cancer Patient Care helps us achieve this by providing support for whatever the patient needs: prescriptions, medical equipment, transportation, assistance with utilities or food. I am thankful that our patients have this resource in the community," Holbrook said.

CCNW is proud to support Cancer Patient Care in its 50th year.

This milestone is not only to mark another year gone by, but to recognize the hundreds of patients and families who have lived better lives because of Cancer Patient Care.

