



Of North Central Washington

2025

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter from Cancer Care of NCW

You can tell it's Spring as the Crocuses are in bloom and the Magnolias are soon to follow.

Since our last Newsletter, activity has not tapered off for the many dedicated volunteers who make Cancer Care one of the leading nonprofits in Central Washington. The Luminaria Lights of Hope last October was a beautiful evening for which we thank Abbie Gundersen and her committee. The proceeds enhanced our Social Services Assistance Program. The Bake Sale and Raffle at the Sr. Center Craft Fair in November was managed, with her usual efficiency and expertise, by Becky Elwell. It did well and was a lot of fun, as always. Our 2024 Christmas family consisted of a Mom and her four sons. We all enjoyed filling their Christmas Wish List to overflowing. Hopefully, you noticed the Christmas lights decorating the exterior of Our House in December. We thank Becky for her time spent at Lowe's getting the lights and we thank Jerry Garcia for installing them. The lights made the House look very festive.

Last fall Cancer Care of NCW was the recipient of a Wenatchee Valley Fund Legacy Grant from the Community Foundation. This grant, in addition to the Paul Lauzier Charitable Foundation Grant and the Confluence Health & Wenatchee Valley Medical Group Community Partnership Grant, completely funded our Social Services Assistance Program which provided assistance to over 140 cancer patients.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Dani Dickson, awarded 13 Betsy Tontini Nursing Scholarships to students attending the Nursing program at the Wenatchee Valley College. We thank the Fager family for their contribution to the scholarships.

We wish Bill McDowell well after resigning from Cancer Care's Board of Directors. During his time on the Board Bill faithfully served on the Finance Committee. We welcome Rosa Eilert who has been elected to fill the seventh Board position. Rosa is a retired school teacher and has been a volunteer at Our House since 2009. Rosa has recently taken on the duty of "chief decorator" for the interior of Our House. We look forward to her creativity for the upcoming seasons and holidays.

So far this year, Cancer Care has provided a booth at both the Hockey Fights Cancer Night at the Town Toyota Center and the Wenatchee Nonprofit Day at Pybus Market. At both events, the information given out about Cancer Care in brochures was well received. For fun, we handed out our Cook Book called "From Our House to Yours." For the Nonprofit Day event, Lin Stearns created a lovely potted succulent garden for a free raffle.

On June 1st, Cancer Care will participate in the annual National Cancer Survivors Day at Pybus Market. This is a day to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, inspire those recently diagnosed, a gathering of support for families and an outreach to the community. Information will be provided on both Cancer Care of NCW and the important subject of screening for colon cancer. Coming on September 21st will be a Benefit Concert for Cancer Care at Saddlerock Presbyterian Church in Wenatchee. The inspirational singing group, GladSong, will be performing and is sure to be fantastic. More information can be found on GladSong's website.

We thank all of you for your continued support of Cancer Care whether it is with your donations or with your volunteerism. We look forward to another outstanding year in 2025.

With Gratitude,
Richard Dickson, Board President



Cancer Care wishes to thank the Community Foundation for the Wenatchee Valley Fund Legacy Grant that we received from them late last year. The funds are being used by our Social Services Assistance Program. We are very grateful to be able to assist cancer patients, when necessary, with lodging, and food and gas cards as they traverse the landscape of their cancer journey. Those pictured are Alyssa Chamberlain, Richard Dickson, Dani Dickson, Shirley Leslie, Alison Keeler and Beverly Patrick.



CANCER CARE'S SOCIAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

for individuals in North Central Washington receiving treatment and or medical care for cancer, we provide assistance directed toward:

- Qualifying prescription costs or co-pays
- Treatment-related travel and lodging expenses
- Qualifying medical expenses or supplies
- Personal expenses considered on an individual basis

For more information:

Call Beverly Patrick @ 509-273-5022 or 509-663-6964, leave a message for the Social Services Coordinator or email: socialservices@cancercarencw.com.



We would be pleased to welcome you as a new volunteer in our organization! If you have been wishing for a chance to make a difference in the lives of people facing challenging times, please consider spending some time at Our House as a host or hostess. We have two- & three-hour shifts in the mornings and afternoons Monday through Thursday. As host or hostess, you would be offering support and companionship to our guests and doing minor tasks to help make the House run smoothly.

Especially needed is a volunteer who would like to seek out and write/apply for grants for Cancer Care as those opportunities come along during the year. The grants are critical to our being able to provide assistance to cancer patients as their needs arise.

Please call Becky Elwell at 509-633-6964 between 9am-1pm weekdays to learn more about volunteering at this extraordinary organization.

OUR WISH LIST

- *Bottled water, *Individual juices,
- *Individual snack foods, *Individual soups,
- *TV dinners, *Pot pies, *Liquid bleach,



- *Dishwashing pods, *Paper towels, *Toilet paper, *Tall kitchen garbage bags,
- *Liquid hand soaps,
- *9-Volt batteries, *Computer paper 8.5 x 11,
- *Medium disposable gloves, *Coffee pods

THANK YOU!



**GUEST SPOTLIGHT
ON KEN RADEK**

Ken grew up in Illinois. He is a 4-year Navy Vietnam veteran who was stationed aboard the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier. Ken used the GI Bill to attend college at the University of Wisconsin where he received a degree in Forestry and Soil Science. His job in soil science analysis has taken him to many states in the U.S. where he eventually landed in Omak, WA. He and his wife have lived there for 35 years; they have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Dr. Fain, radiation oncologist at Confluence Health, recommended Our House as a place for Ken to stay during his six weeks of treatment for cancer. He spends four nights a week at Our House and returns home to Omak on weekends. Ken said that he is “very happy with the accommodations, volunteers and staff of Our House and will recommend the House for lodging to anyone that has to travel from a distance for their cancer treatment.

We are delighted to be able to offer a home-away-from-home and emotional support for Ken and many other folks who are going through this sometimes-overwhelming experience.

**SPRING PLANTING DAY AT OUR
HOUSE.....**

will be on Friday, May 2 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Please join us for this annual occasion to “beautify” our grounds. Work gloves and small gardening tools will be helpful for you to bring with you.



The folks who come to help are treated to a light fare of food items once they are finished. We all have the best time together and would appreciate having newcomers too.

Please call Becky to let her know if you will be able to join us. 509-633-6964.



**CONFLUENCE HEALTH &
WENATCHEE VALLEY MEDICAL GROUP**
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

In October last year, Cancer Care of NCW was awarded a Confluence Health and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group Community Partnership grant which was offered by the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. A huge THANK YOU goes out to this organization for their kind award to strengthen Cancer Care’s Social Services Assistance Program. Our regional cancer patients are being benefited greatly in various ways – some with prescription costs and co-pays, qualifying medical supplies and treatment-related travel and lodging. *COULDN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU*



- Precision Pest Solutions – fertilizing and pest control at Our House over the last several years
- Rich & Dani Dickson – maintaining our water feature and plantings
- NCW Quilt Guild – beautiful lap quilts for our guests
- Wenatchee Valley Lions – ongoing donations to the Our House pantry
- Vicky Stebbins – tidying (snipping, weeding, trimming) up the yard and grounds surrounding Our House all year through
- Warm Souls – donations of fleece blankets, socks and bottled water
- Lilies of the Valley - flowers
- Rose Eilert – decorating Our House throughout the year
- Traci Pierson – providing Happy Letters for our guests
- Wenatchee Scouts – “Fill the Canoe” on Make a Difference Day

DONATIONS - SPRING 2025

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

GOLD \$1000 & UP

Bumps Investment Co., Inc.
Anonymous
Margaret Dawson Estate
Okanogan-Omak Rotary
Valley Laser and Skin
In memory of Bud & Margaret Brownlee
Ken & Terri Tripp

SILVER \$100 - \$999

Astral Chapter Order of Eastern Star
Timothy & Sherri Burris
Steven & Cathy Daniell
Andrea Dickson
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Rosa Eilert
Clarice Falmo
Scott & Marilyn Furman
Scott & Patricia Furman
Grand Coulee Community Church Women
Gary & Becky Hoff
Dale Jones
Andrea Karim
Alison Keeler
A. and K. Kelso
Nicolas Kummer
Helen Lees
Dr. Richard & Patricia Ann Lynn
Marson Family
Elaine Moomaw
Richard & Joanne Neel
Kevin & Suzanne Pitts
Okanogan County School Retirees' Association
Kimberly Scott
Julie Smith
Trinity Episcopal Church
Louis Van Doren
Carmen White
In honor of Judy Winkelmann
Tracy Franklin

BRONZE \$1 - \$99

In honor of Naomi Asplund's 6th birthday
Connie Bean
In honor of Duncan Asplund & Jay Bean's birthdays
Connie Bean
Mark & Sandra Fisher
In honor of Gail Harden
Brandi Pritchard

Dori Ross
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Thayer

MEMORIALS

In memory of Jay Bean
Connie Bean
In memory of Keith Brown
Sam Cook
In memory of Jerry Dixon
Byron & Jan Lee
In memory of Joe Gaspers
Brett Gaspers
Terri & Charles McKay, Jr.
In memory of Cindy Hein
Ellen Hunter
In memory of Carl Melby
John & Ginger Fraley
Mary Jayne Melby
Eric & Jean Nelson
Larry & Linda Sexton
Rich & Lin Stearns
In memory of Michelle Skylstad Rayton
Albert Fein
Sharon & Gordon Pitts
In memory of Jan Saunders
LuAnn & Mark Bray
Jane Foreman
Thomas & Kathryn Green
Gary & Gerrie Holfeldt
K.H. & Lisa Klossner
Debbi Kramer
Jeff & Laura Monda
Robin Morgan
Gerald & Elaine Rominger
Charles & Jill Storlie
In memory of Diane Stidman
Connie Bean
In memory of Mike Symonds
Connie Bean
In memory of Nevio & Betsy Tontini
Gloria Waddell

BIRTHDAY BASH

Dale Birch
Carleen Elliott
Yvonne Green
Patricia McConnell
Mike & Sandra Miller



Bake Sale Raffle Winners

American Girl Doll,
donated by Becky
Hoff, winner is
Avery with her Mom
Nicole.



Afghan, created by Shirley
Leslie, winner is Heather.



Winner of the quilt, donated by the NCW Quilt Guild, is Jackie.



Nonprofit Day at Pybus Market 2025 featuring **Becky, Connie and Rosa.** Also pictured is the lovely succulent garden created by Lin for our free raffle. **Volunteers Beverly and Sandi** manned the booth in the afternoon.



Aviya Rose G. drew the name Lisa Z. as the winner of the succulent garden on Nonprofit Day.

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| Coffee Lady – 2 lbs. of coffee beans |
| Joe Crowder – Misc. household items & food |
| Pam DePersio – bed pads |
| Rosa Eilert – Misc. food items |
| Susan Huffman – note pads & bed sheets |
| Carmen Johnson – puzzles and books |
| Lori Jordan – Diffuser & misc. household items |
| Cindy & Richard Lee – two Winco gift cards |
| Mary Ellen Lemmond – quilt and fleece blankets |
| Autumn Lewis & her Mom – two cozy fleece blankets |
| TRE – books, puzzles & a Winco card |



A GRATEFUL GUEST WROTE:

“Your beautiful soul can’t help but shine on those around you.”

We want to thank you for all your hospitality and help that you showed us while we were staying at Our House during our trial with cancer. You were so helpful and friendly. You are truly angels from God. We will always have cherished memories of all of you and our stay at Our House. We love you all! Keep up the good work.

Thanks again,
Ray and Sheryl

ONE DAY AT A TIME – SPRING 2025

Cancer patients and their families learn to live one day at a time. Each day is precious. Those facing life-threatening illnesses realize that the past is gone, the future is uncertain, and every day is important to live life to the fullest. With your donation of \$100 to "One Day at a Time" you will assist in the operation and maintenance of the Cancer Care home project called **Our House** for one day of the year. If you wish, you may designate the day to commemorate a special person or event in one's life. Your gift will be recognized at the House. Give today so that our home-away-from-home can continue to serve the needs of cancer patients for many years to come.

JANUARY

- 02 Walter Chris Wittgow
- 05 In memory of Barbara Tilly
Donald & Kay Berdan
- 06 Dale & Donna Detering
- 09 In memory of Terry Sorom
Suzanne Sorom
- 13 In memory of Nevio Tontini
Suzanne Sorom
Anonymous
- 14 In memory of Harold Munch
Pat & Jim McConnell
- 15 In honor of Krestin Hansen
Rick & Susan Linder
- 15 Button Jewelers
- 19 In memory of Hugh Womack
Ralph & Sonya Womack
- 19 In honor of Bob Risinger's
birthday
Sue, Bob and Rich
- 20 Helen Lees
- 20 In memory of Jim Gilreath
Karen M. Gilreath
- 23 In honor of Daniel
Rutherford's birthday
Virginia Rutherford
- 27 Karen Edwards
- 29 Wenatchee Valley USBC

FEBRUARY

- 02 Walter Chris Wittgow
- 03 Scott & Maggie McManus
- 05 Dolly McClellan
- 10 Button Jewelers
- 11 In memory of Greg Tontini
Suzanne Sorom
- 14 In memory of Christine
Pankey
Sydna Pankey
- 17 Joe Crowder
- 19 Wenatchee Valley USBC
- 22 In honor of Ernie Linder
Rick & Susan Linder
- 24 Evelyn Russell
- 26 In honor of Keith Brown
Phillip & Dixie Rose Brown

MARCH

- 01 In honor of David Warde's
birthday
Abbie Gundersen
- 03 Karen Spragg
- 03 In memory of Henry Lee
Evelyn Russell
- 05 In memory of Roger Pollock
Jeff & Renee Jaeger
- 07 Rick Linder
- 10 In memory of Alan Moomaw
Elaine Moomaw
- 10 In honor of Kathleen Crowder
Joe Crowder
- 12 Wenatchee Valley USBC
- 17 In memory of Richard &
Joyce Cremer
Lin & Rich Stearns
- 17 In memory of Edgar C.
Metcalf
Suzanne Metcalf
- 22 In honor of Nicole Thompson
Rich & Susan Linder
- 23 Button Jewelers
- 24 In memory of Betsy Tontini
Margie Kerr
Larry & Patsy Smith
- 25 In memory of Bud Sears'
birthday
Joann Sears
- 29 In memory of Vern Weaver
Dee Riggs
- 30 In memory of Paul Pankey
Sydna Pankey
- 31 Joe Crowder

APRIL

- 02 In memory of Carl Melby
Beverly Patrick
- 03 In memory of Craig Muraoka
Elaine Moomaw
- 05 In memory of Gary
Christensen
Barbara Christensen
- 07 Thad & Robynne Keller
- 09 Wenatchee Valley USBC
- 15 In memory of April Reid
Carol Draggoo
- 17 Dalton Thomas

MAY

- 19 In memory of Doug Harper
Audrey Harper
- 21 Joe Crowder
- 23 Donna & Bill Pershall
- 27 In honor of Lisa Ard's
birthday
Nancy Focht
- 30 Scott & Melany Cooley
- 01 In honor of Bill Linder
Rick & Susan Linder
- 05 Button Jewelers
- 06 In memory of Jane Bousman
Suzanne Helgerson
- 08 Robert Fries
- 12 In memory of Bernice Metcalf
Suzanne Metcalf
- 14 Wenatchee Valley USBC
- 19 Joe Crowder
- 21 In memory of Kitty Paine's
birthday
Sharon Paine
- 26 Joe Crowder
- 28 Wenatchee Valley USBC

JUNE

- 02 Button Jewelers
- 04 In honor of Nicole & Brian
Thompson's anniversary
Rick & Susan Linder
- 06 In memory of Dave Riggs
Dee Riggs
- 09 Joe Crowder
- 10 In memory of Georgia
Bowker
Ralph & Sonya Womack
- 11 In memory of John H.
Wilson's birthday
Mary L. Wilson
- 11 In honor of Joyce Talbert's
birthday
Judy Milner
- 16 Donita & Duane Van Woert
- 17 In memory of Janet Erickson
Donald & Kay Berdan
Scot Erickson

21 In memory of Patti Cook

Roger Cook

23 Wenatchee Valley USBC

26 In honor of Roger Pollock's birthday

Sandy Pollock

29 In memory of Dale Hunter

Ellen Hunter

30 Joe Crowder

JULY

01 Joe Crowder

03 Wenatchee Valley USBC

07 Darrel & Patricia Kislner

09 In honor of Jay Bean's birthday

Connie Bean

10 Dale Birch

14 In memory of Linda Safar

Kate & Bruce Bratrude

15 In honor of Kate Fairchild

Gene & Kathy Fairchild

17 In memory of Rich Moomaw

Elaine Moomaw

21 Darryl & Barbara Snow

23 Andrew & Karen Keebler

24 In memory of Theresa Gray

Linda Ingraham

28 Don & Cindy Sangster

30 Wenatchee Valley USBC

AUGUST

02 In memory of Metha Yantis

Sydna Pankey

04 Joe Crowder

07 Dalton Thomas

11 Phyllis Sievert

14 Dalton Thomas

20 In memory of Bob Paine's birthday

Sharon Paine

22 In memory of Jennie Hedington

Homer Hedington

22 In honor of Margaret Bonnett's birthday

Charles & Darlene Keeton

24 In honor of Millie Nicholson's birthday

Mike & Danielle Nicholson

24 In honor of Sandy Northrup's birthday

Gordi Northrup

25 Mary Babcock

27 Wenatchee Valley USBC

SEPTEMBER

01 Phyllis Sievert

03 In honor of Corky Elliott's birthday

Carleen Elliott

08 In honor of Tina Scull

Eliot Scull

10 Dalton Thomas

15 In honor of our anniversary
Rick & Susan Linder

16 Cashmere American Legion
Auxiliary Unit # 64

21 In honor of Tom Saltsman's birthday

Mary K. Saltsman & family

23 In honor of Ethelmae Moore's birthday

Steve & Janet Moore

25 Dalton Thomas

29 Dr. Tom and Gale Carlson

OCTOBER

01 In memory of Wanda Berdan

Donald & Kay Berdan

02 In memory of Terry Shirey

Shirley Leslie

07 In honor of Lauren Thompson's birthday

Lynn Thompson

08 In memory of Joann Ruffin

Susan Beaty

13 Karolin Highland

14 In honor of Gary Ludeman's birthday

Patsy Ludeman

18 In honor of Madison Thompson

Rick & Susan Linder

20 Cashmere American Legion
Auxiliary Unit # 64

23 Susan Linder

27 Zion Lutheran LWML

29 Robert Ogburn

31 In memory of Dorothy Agresta

Donald & Kay Berdan

NOVEMBER

03 Walter Chris Wittgog

04 In honor of Brian Thompson
Rick & Susan Linder

04 In honor of Parmalee Moos' birthday

Merry K. Moos

08 In honor of Adrian Damish's birthday

Milly Damish

08 In remembrance of June & Norman Jensen

Nancy Jensen

10 Cromwell and Geraldine
Warner III

12 In memory of Jim Willems
Siegrid Prey Willems

17 Nobli Morris

19 In honor of David Bonnett's birthday

Charles & Darlene Keeton

22 Mike & Sandra Miller

24 Dr. Tom and Gale Carlson

26 Edgar Meyer, M.D.

28 In honor of Reed Port's birthday

Connie Port

30 Thank you to all

Gloria Waddell

DECEMBER

01 In memory of Eric Jensen
Nancy Jensen

02 In memory of Joyce Kight
Kathryn Sears

04 Robert Ogburn

07 In memory of Martin Sorom
Suzanne Sorom

07 In honor of Judy Ewald's birthday

Val Bennett

08 Wenatchee Valley USBC

13 In memory of Colin Clarke
Sandra Clarke

16 In memory of John Bowker

Ralph & Sonya Womack

17 Wenatchee Valley USBC

22 Willow Burts

25 In memory of Brandi Merritt Lambert

Joe & Kerry Merritt

29 Sara & Lee Lippert Fund

31 Bonnie Snyder

Donation Acknowledgements

When you send a donation, please let us know if you would like to have an acknowledgement sent to a family member. We need the name and address of the person to send an acknowledgement of your donation. Thank you.



NEW VOLUNTEERS

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Carla Wilson



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The Mission of Cancer Care of North Central Washington is to help alleviate the day-to-day challenges of cancer by providing a regional cancer resource center whereby patients may be assisted in their daily routine by aiding them with housing and other additional support including but not limited to their social and rehabilitative needs.

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Date to Remember:

May 2 – Our House Spring Planting Day

