

April 23, 2018

Hillcrest Committee
P.O. Box 836
Medford, OR 97501

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to give you a final report related to your support of the Asante Cancer Compassion Fund. As you know, through the Asante Cancer Compassion Fund you serve the needs of cancer patients, both basic needs and comfort needs. Assistance is based on need and is designed to respond to the unique medical circumstances of every patient and their family.

For someone in the battle of their life, expenses can quickly become a financial hardship and an overwhelming distraction from their healing process. The Compassion Fund provides the ability to help patients and families who need that extra bit of assistance to help them live the best quality of life while going through cancer. In addition, these funds support programs that bring peace of mind during a time that is extremely stressful.

Over the past year, funds have supported a variety of activities and causes:

- Travels expenses, gas cards, bus passes, and care repairs
- Monthly rent and car payments for patients who were unable to work during their treatment
- Cancer-related care items not covered by insurance such as ointment, doughnut cushions, formula and feeding tubes- transition kits for neck and throat cancer patients
- Complimentary therapeutic hand and foot massage reducing stress, promoting healing and providing emotional support during infusion
- Critically needed dental care for a head and neck cancer patient – without oral care radiation would have resulted in necrosis of the jaw bone
- Support group materials including nutritional cookbooks for GYN cancer patients
- Temporary housing in Seattle for a local patient to receive advanced treatment
- Thanatology, a palliative care method of therapy that unites music and medicine bringing harp to the bedside, meeting fear, discomfort, and suffering through the therapeutic qualities of music

Your gift to this special fund has impacted many more than we will ever truly know. The impact goes far beyond the patient. I have heard from numerous family members whose loved ones are going through cancer treatment share their gratitude and relief when their loved one receives hope and kindness through these efforts.

In addition, I hear from social workers and nurses on the front lines who are disbursing the funds about the joy they experience as they help make lives of their patients just a little easier.

“Allow me to express my deepest thanks for your generous contribution and kindness in donating to the Compassion Fund. I have been honored and gratified to extend these funds to patients who are suffering from a life altering disease. Thanks to you, we can make life a little less daunting with the Compassion Funds and the comfort of letting people know someone cares.”

Andrea Bassett-Snodgrass, Social Worker

- 54 individual patients have received specific financial assistance
- Numerous gas cards and Fred Meyer cards have been given out to ease burdens
- Therapeutic massage is estimated to serve 200 infusion patients annually
- Thanatology services are provided twice weekly and impact not only the patient but the entire oncology floor
- Many support group members are moving from surviving to thriving with additional materials

We are grateful for the Hillcrest Committee’s support of this project. You can rest assured it has made a huge impact on cancer patients served by Asante.

Sincerely,

Andrea Reeder
Director of Development, Asante Foundation

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Reeder".