

# Spectrum Health United Hospital Cancer Patient Assistance Program

Imagine being a 36-year-old, single parent of two children under the age of 10, and having to work two jobs just to make ends meet. As you diligently work to provide the best life possible for your children, you somehow find time for your annual health screening. Then, as a result, your doctor makes a discovery that changes everything. You have cancer.

You are instantly overwhelmed by emotion and difficult, heartbreaking questions. How can I continue to afford housing for my children? Will I be able to pay for my treatments, medications, and still be able to feed my family? How will I get to and from my weekly chemotherapy appointments? Who will watch my children if I am too sick to care for them myself?





Imagine yourself in a situation where you have to consider the possibility of not receiving cancer treatment, simply because it is too expensive. What if you had to choose between paying for a potentially life-saving treatment, and paying your bills to ensure your family continues to have a roof over their head?

This scenario is the reality for many individuals who live and work right here in our community. In response to this critical need, the Spectrum Health Cancer Center at United Hospital is establishing the cancer patient assistance program.

### Cancer Care, Close to Home

Our Greenville community is fortunate to have the Spectrum Health Cancer Center at United Hospital. This vital community resource, conveniently located within our main hospital, specializes in treating cancer and blood disorders. Approximately 2,000 adult patients receive treatments here annually for various types of cancer including, but not limited to, breast, lung and colorectal.

Equipped with an experienced, multi-disciplinary team of cancer specialists, our patients receive top-notch, personalized care. Our cancer care team prescribes therapies, plans treatments and offers remedies for side effects. They offer consultative and supportive care, and help coordinate treatment given by other specialists. Every effort is made to ensure the experience is as positive as possible during cancer treatments. Unfortunately, many of our patients are experiencing financial hardships brought on by this diagnosis.

### The Need

The cancer patient assistance program is an extremely important component of the Spectrum Health Cancer Center at United Hospital. This unique program will help reduce financial strain for our friends and family members battling cancer. Specifically this program will offer assistance in the form of:

- Gas cards and taxi vouchers to help with transportation to and from treatment
- Medication assistance
- Other support item needs

Our goal is to raise \$150,000 to establish the cancer patient assistance program at Spectrum Health United Hospital.

Making this program a reality is only possible through individuals like you. Your gift will help cancer patients in their darkest hours, providing comfort and relief so they can focus on recovery. Your generosity and support will make a difference for local cancer patients, who need hope and healing.