

## Wings of Hope History

Wings of Hope began in 1987 with a group of people who had been affected by cancer, meeting to gain support from one another and express their emotions about cancer. Soon, the delivery system for supportive services expanded, and in 1994, Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center was founded as a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support to cancer patients and their families. Wings of Hope has continued to fulfill the agency mission by expanding services to include: (1) support for the financial and physical needs of cancer patients undergoing treatment, (2) support for emotional and social needs for both newly diagnosed and long-term survivors, (3) programs for survivors after treatment is completed, and (4) support and education for caregivers.

The future is exciting as we encourage and support the many people who experience cancer and who are searching for ways to improve their health. Funds raised in 2014 and 2015 will assist in the expansion of our survivorship programming, meeting the growing need for survivors of cancer to continue their journey toward health. Funds raised locally help us to continue to provide our services at no cost to anyone impacted by cancer.

Wings of Hope is proud to provide services to all cancer patients and their families free of charge.

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## Cancer Support Center



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Mind, Body, Spirit

I can say now that I am a three year cancer survivor!! Even though I am a retired RN, I did not ever want to work in Oncology, and so I didn't pay too much attention to cancer literature. Well -- getting the news that I had breast cancer activated my desire to know "everything" I could.

My first contact with Wings of Hope was when Carolyn met me at an appointment with my surgeon, after surgery and prior to starting chemotherapy. She was compassionate, encouraging and supportive, giving me a survivor bag with literature, a certificate for a wig from the Hope Chest Renewal Room, and the promise of a long relationship with this great organization.

I had already started a journal with the encouragement of our two daughters, as well as an email blog, because I feel that the more prayers and support one receives from others is what gets us through the "twists and

turns" of our lives. As I reviewed my journal and blog, I recalled once again the amazing support I have received.

*"... the more prayers and support we receive is what gets us through the twists and turns of life."*

attended "spa day" and "Look Good, Feel Better", both of which gave me a new appreciation of my appearance during treatments. I have attended "A



Time to Heal", which gave me a wonderful opportunity to meet others who have finished cancer treatments, and learn from their experiences. I also have received Healing Touch treatments, which

were so very relaxing, and gave me a chance to totally clear my mind of any negative thoughts or worries.

I would recommend that anyone facing cancer treatments contact Wings of Hope.

**Hope strengthens us.  
Wings protect us.**

*-Barb, Cancer Survivor*

**In our life's journey, many of us have been touched by cancer -- perhaps you have a family member who has been diagnosed, a friend, or have experienced the disease yourself. Hope is one element that is essential to successfully navigate the cancer journey and move towards healing and balance.**

**Please consider sharing hope with others fighting cancer by supporting Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center.**