

# Your Local Cancer Care

## BRINGING RADIATION TREATMENT TO MOSES LAKE

### Local Treatment Will Mean Increased Support for Patients

Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation Board Member Cynthia Dano believes having radiation treatment close to home for patients will do much to increase the level of personal support available to those facing cancer.

“It’s going to be a wonderful thing to have treatment close by,” Cynthia says. “When you’re traveling for treatment, you can’t take all your support system with you. But if you can get care and treatment locally, friends and family can take turns to help you and be with you. More support is always helpful to patients.”

In 2014, Cynthia was diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer. Although she didn’t require radiation, she did have to travel to Spokane regularly for treatment. “It was an all-day thing,” she says. “For someone who is going through it, cancer is already hard, and then to travel four or more hours for treatment makes it even more difficult.”

After going through her own cancer journey and utilizing the CBCF wig loan program, Cynthia decided she wanted to help and joined the foundation’s board in 2015. “Any time you have first-hand experience with something, you have perspective,” she says. “I know how tiring treatment is and as it builds up, you become exhausted. If you have to travel on top of that, it’s very difficult. When the opportunity came up for CBCF to partner with medical providers in the area to bring more cancer treatment to Moses Lake, I was all for it.”

A former professional photography studio owner and wine bar owner, Cynthia now works with clients across the country as a wellness and cancer coach and says organizations like CBCF are vital. “That support is so important,” she says. “When you’re given a cancer diagnosis, it feels as if you are thrown into a parallel universe; it’s like a safety net has been pulled out from under you. You’re in a free fall and you don’t know where you’re going to land. Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation is that something to grasp on to.”

In support of the *Your Local Cancer Care* capital campaign, Cynthia has made a donation that will combine with those from throughout our area to bring radiation treatment to Moses Lake and improve the lives of Columbia Basin patients and their loved ones.



*Cynthia Dano*

## Your 2020 Gift: 100% Tax Deductible

Did you know that your 2020 gift to the *Your Local Cancer Care* capital campaign may be eligible for a 100% tax deduction under the CARES act?

In addition to providing aid to businesses and nonprofits affected by the pandemic, the \$2.2 trillion stimulus bill Congress passed in March in response to COVID-19 created tax benefits for almost any taxpayer who makes charitable contributions in 2020. Here is some basic information. Speak with your legal and tax experts for advice on how to proceed.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act benefits those who do not itemize but take the standard deduction by establishing a \$300 universal charitable deduction in 2020. These taxpayers can deduct donations directly to a charity of up to \$300 per individual or \$600 for joint filers on their 2020 federal tax return above the standard deduction.

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For those who itemize their deductions, the act eliminates for 2020 the cap on how much of a taxpayer's charitable donations can be deducted against income. Prior to 2020, households who itemize their deductions, including gifts to charity, faced caps on how much of their charitable donations could be deducted: a maximum of 60% of adjusted gross income for cash donations. The CARES Act eliminates this cap for 2020, allowing households to deduct cash gifts of up to 100% of their adjusted gross income, which could effectively eliminate a taxpayer's federal tax liability in 2020. Cash contributions are fully deductible.

Caps on corporate giving also rose under the CARES Act. Previously, corporations were able to deduct charitable donations up to 10% of taxable income. The act raises that cap to 25% for 2020.

"This is a great benefit to our 2020 capital campaign donors who have supported our campaign throughout the uncertainties of this year," said Abel Noah, Confluence Health Foundation vice president and executive trustee. "We are so grateful for your willingness to bring state-of-the-art cancer care to the people of the Columbia Basin."



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