

Your Local Cancer Care

BRINGING RADIATION TREATMENT TO MOSES LAKE

Local Business Owner Supports Local Care

Charlene Sherman, owner of Sage Coffee House & Bistro in Quincy, has made supporting cancer care for the people of central Washington a personal and a community affair.

“I do it for breast cancer,” Charlene says. “My mom’s a survivor and my hairdresser and good friend is a survivor. My husband’s niece and sister did not survive it.”

Over the past five years, Charlene and her bistro vendors and patrons have generated a total of \$10,000 in donations collected each October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For the past two years those donations have supported the *Your Local Cancer Care* capital campaign to bring radiation treatment to the Columbia Basin. This year Charlene reached her largest donation total ever, giving \$3,200 to the campaign.



Charlene Sherman and Carolyn Dudley

Local craft vendors featured at Charlene’s bistro donate items to sell for the cause. A soap vendor gives \$1 from every sale. Pink ribbon sales, tip jar proceeds, coffee specials and a Facebook donation campaign also advance the effort. Some customers have given \$100 to \$200 anonymously, while others hold a friendly competition to see who can give more.

Charlene is not surprised by the generosity of her community. Her bistro in the middle of central Washington is located just off Interstate 90 and specializes in bagel sandwiches, wraps and soups that sell out daily to travelers and locals. “We’re called an oasis in the middle of nowhere for coffee,” she says.

Charlene started her fundraising efforts five years ago to help those who couldn’t afford mammograms and to encourage women to get them regularly. “I like my boobies,” she says with a laugh. “And I tell everyone to get their mammograms.”

Now her efforts are directed towards bringing a state-of-the-art radiation treatment facility to Moses Lake. Many women diagnosed with breast cancer, including Charlene’s mom Carolyn Dudley, are treated with radiation. The *Your Local Cancer Care* campaign will bring that treatment closer to home for the women of the Columbia Basin.

Wrapping up 2020: \$2.3+ Million Raised

We are closer than ever to bringing radiation treatment to the Columbia Basin, as more than 165 people, corporations and foundations have made gifts totaling \$2,358,917 to the *Your Local Cancer Care* campaign.

The campaign to build a state-of-the-art radiation treatment facility in Moses Lake has attracted support from throughout the Columbia Basin and Wenatchee. Confluence Health physicians and staff members, along with the Confluence Health Foundation, have pledged more than \$1 million to the effort.



“The support of our region is outstanding and will lead to tremendous improvements for cancer patients in our community,” says Abel Noah, Confluence Health Foundation vice president and executive trustee.

“We are thrilled to be on track to complete our \$3.5 million goal and improve the lives of patients and caregivers from throughout the region,” adds Angel Ledesma, executive director of the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation.

The Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, Confluence Health and the Confluence Health Foundation are all nonprofit organizations. This year, under the CARES Act, your gift made before the end of the year to the *Your Local Cancer Care* capital campaign may be eligible for a 100% tax deduction.

Those taxpayers who do not itemize but take the standard deduction, can deduct donations made 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. Households who itemize their deductions, including gifts to charity, can deduct cash gifts of up to 100 percent of their adjusted gross income, which could effectively eliminate a taxpayer’s federal tax liability in 2020. Corporations can deduct charitable donations up to 25 percent of taxable income for 2020. Speak with your legal and tax experts for advice on how to proceed.

PROJECT SCOPE

Provide local radiation oncology services for patients and their caregivers in the Columbia Basin

Bring state-of-the-art radiation treatment protocols to the Columbia Basin
in a cost-effective, self-sustaining model of care

Grow CBCF’s mission to include more local support services to cancer patients

**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?**



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