

# Lifeline News

THE CANCER LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

Optimizing the quality of life for people living with cancer

## Planned Giving: Supporting Cancer Lifeline into the future

A bequest to Cancer Lifeline in your will or estate plan, as Keri DeTore has done, provides an ongoing commitment to improving the lives of those in your community.

A bequest is the simplest way to leave an extraordinary legacy and is simple to do. If you already have a will, you can include a gift to Cancer Lifeline by adding a simple codicil to what is already in place. The benefit of this type of gift is it allows you full use of your assets during your lifetime.

A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your assets, or what is referred to as the "residue" of your estate. This means that after all taxes, debts, expenses and other bequests have all been taken care of, you leave the remainder of your estate to Cancer Lifeline. We are most appreciative of this kind of gift.

In addition to the personal satisfaction of making a philanthropic bequest, there are definite federal estate tax benefits. A charitable estate tax deduction is allowed for the full value of the gift.

Cancer Lifeline invites you to extend your commitment to future generations by naming us in your will or estate plan. This act of generosity and kindness will help ensure that all people living with cancer will have access to emotional support, information and critical services regardless of their financial situation...and that is quite a gift to leave the world.

The following language is provided to assist you in creating a gift that will memorialize your commitment to helping people living with cancer.

"I will give to Cancer Lifeline, a Washington State 501(C)(3) non-profit organization with a tax ID # of 91-6182951 and currently located at 6522 Fremont Ave N., Seattle, WA 98103, a sum of (dollar amount) or asset (list specific asset)."

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you would like to know more about making a bequest to Cancer Lifeline, or to inform us of an existing bequest, contact Development Director Bruce Wood at [bwood@cancerlifeline.org](mailto:bwood@cancerlifeline.org) or 206-832-1272. 🐦



*Keri DeTore in the Mark Lenz Garden at Cancer Lifeline.*

Keri DeTore is young and healthy, yet she's already planned to leave a legacy to Cancer Lifeline. "It's important to me to sustain and support this organization."

In her will, she's set funds aside for a donation and plaque to be installed in the Mark Lenz Memorial Garden. Keri and Mark were in a committed relationship when he died of colon cancer in March 2001. Keri served as project coordinator for the garden, which was completed in June 2003. It's a place where Cancer Lifeline clients and neighborhood residents can meet, rest and talk.

"The hard part of making the will was projecting what I hope will be well into the future," Keri admitted. "But I know I'll continue to feel strongly about this. I know what a major role Cancer Lifeline plays in the cancer community. I've personally experienced its positive effect, not only on people with cancer, but also on the people who love people with cancer." 🐦

## Honoring those who support others

Two who have faced the everyday rewards and challenges of caregiving were honored at Cancer Lifeline's 9th Annual Focus on Caregiving Awards Luncheon in March.

Honoree Erwin Cado was primary caregiver to his wife, Elena. Those who spent time with them were impressed by how present, patient and caring he was with her. In his speech, Erwin remembered what he answered when asked how he did it. "What else could I do? If things were reversed, Elena would do more –much more –and without thinking about it for a nano-second."

Former Board president and current volunteer Jane Caron was honored for



*Honoree Erwin Cado*

her service to Cancer Lifeline, as well as caring for a friend and neighbor with a late-stage cancer diagnosis. From these experiences, Jane said, "It reminded me that each person has

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their own unique journey in life and with cancer.”

Not content to rest on their laurels, Cancer Lifeline’s Luncheon committee is already at work planning the 2010 event, to be held March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Seattle.

Howard Behar, former president of Starbucks Coffee North America and Starbucks Coffee



(From left) Honoree Jane Caron, with Marian Svinth and Adam Gossett.

International, will be the keynote speaker. Howard (a cancer survivor) and his wife, Lynn, are longtime supporters of Cancer Lifeline.

Cancer Lifeline is grateful to the many guests, volunteers, sponsors and table captains who contribute to the success of the Luncheon each year. ☺

## Caring about our community, one penny at a time



Cancer Lifeline Development Director Bruce Wood (center) with students from Northgate Elementary and their coach, Angela Fioretti (third from right)

“Do good things with the money,” advised a student from Northgate Elementary School in Seattle. The school’s third through fifth graders donated \$500 to Cancer Lifeline this month through the Penny Harvest program.

Penny Harvest teaches kids in elementary, middle and high school the power of philanthropy through service-learning. Each fall students like the

ones at Northgate Elementary collect pennies. During the winter, they study community problems and research organizations that best alleviate those problems. In the spring, they use the funds they collected to make grants to community organizations.

Cancer Lifeline is fortunate to have benefited twice from this unique program. Students at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Seattle made a similar contribution last year. ☺

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