

Cancer Association of Anderson

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PATIENTS

(Note: Limited to residents of Anderson County)

- **Up to \$1,000 a year** can be given to an individual patient **in active cancer treatment** for medical needs. **(Effective January 1, 2009)** There are no hard-and-fast income guidelines; if the patient asks for help, we assume they need it. However, the patient must complete **and their doctor must sign** our application form before any aid is given. Also, the patient must sign the release form on the back of the application form before we can help them financially.
- Some of the needs we help with are medicine prescribed by their cancer doctor (co-pays and outright purchase), medical equipment, assistance paying for major medical insurance policies (in order to be kept in effect), and nutritional supplements (Boost, Ensure). *We prefer to pay the vendor rather than the patient for these items.* We will also reimburse patients 20 cents a mile to cancer-related medical appointments up to \$100 per month. AnMed Pharmacy and the Anderson Free Clinic are our preferred vendors for prescription drugs. Larger lump sums can be paid for needs such as out-of-state travel for medical appointments.
- In addition to the direct assistance, we will pay for any cancer patient in Anderson County to complete the Oncology Rehab program at the LifeChoice Gym. Patients may be in treatment or within a year after completing treatment. Call 512-1505 to set up an interview and mention the Cancer Association scholarship program.

Other Services for Patients

(Note: These non-financial services are available to residents of surrounding counties seeing doctors in Anderson as well as Anderson County residents.)

- Wigs, hats, turbans, caps and headscarves in our Hat and Wig Room
- New and gently used bras and breast prostheses and other mastectomy garments
- Prayer shawls
- Brochures, books and digital resources on cancer subjects
- Donated medical supplies and equipment, when available
- Referral to local, state and national cancer services
- Enrollment in support groups meeting on-site, including 1 in 8 Breast Cancer Support Group and Sexy Chicks (women with cancers “below the waist”). Visit our website, www.cancerassociationanderson.org, for dates and times.