

LifeLegacy



Focusing on Mission and Philanthropy

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Mobile Mammography Coach Provides Breast Exams to Underserved Women



The Mobile Mammography Coach received blessings by both the Northern Cheyenne and the Crow Tribes.

This \$500,000 screening lab on wheels — the first of its kind in the state — is bringing digital mammography to patients throughout Eastern and south-central Montana and northern Wyoming. Stephanie Streed, breast health coordinator at St. Vincent Healthcare, said only 10 percent of women served by the Indian Health Service and 40 percent of all women in Montana access mammography services. One of our hospital's core values is to respond to need, she said. "This beautiful mammography coach and the Yellowstone Breast Center staff represent St. Vincent's mission to make a difference in the lives of all Montana women," Streed said.

David Irion, President, St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation noted the Mammography Coach was made possible through a variety of sources which included grants secured with the help of U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg. Philanthropic investments by **The Sample Foundation**, the foundation's **Marynell Heringer Women's Golf Tournament**, **The EVA Project**, and the **Pretty in Pink Tea** sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Ministries assured funding was in place.

The 40-foot mobile mammography coach contains an examination room, two small changing rooms and a small waiting room.

To read more about how the Mammography Coach is making a difference, go to: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_8cd92b9a-849b-11df-8a63-001cc4c03286.html

The Faces of Community Healthcare Alumnae



Cancer Survivor Recalls Blessings

From 1983 to 1994 — for more than ten years — Jan Tenwalde and her husband John Tenwalde (1935-1994) together battled more than six bouts of cancer and endured four rounds of radiation therapy. Now, a cancer survivor of nearly 30 years, Jan looks back with gratitude and appreciation to the network of care givers, volunteers, and friends whose support, encouragement, and prayers brought her through the “cancer years”.



**John and Jan
circa 1990**

“When I was going through radiation treatment for breast cancer, we only had one car,” Jan shared. “I would catch a ride with a friend from Powell, Wyoming on Monday, stay the week in Billings and catch a ride back to Cody on Friday. John had cancer, too. He was self-employed

and couldn’t work and we couldn’t get health insurance. We were really struggling financially. I’ll never forget. The Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center, St. Vincent Healthcare, and Dr. Frank Lamm all excused our medical bills.” Jan shared that they also received help with gasoline, food, and other expenses from the Jeff Harnish Foundation and PEAKS, a committed group of volunteers that raises funds to help cancer patients in need.

The Pierce House

When John was receiving radiation treatments, Dorothy Pierce made the “Pierce House” available to the Tenwalde’s: That’s where John died in 1994.

“Dorothy Pierce — she’s quite a lady — I’ll tell you,” said Jan. “Dorothy held the Pierce House open for the two of us. It was our home. She was so nice — she refused to take any money.”

For more than twenty years, Dorothy Pierce has offered the Pierce House as a home away from home to cancer patients undergoing radiation treatment through the Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center. The house was bought for her husband George Pierce’s mother and when she died, Dorothy opened it up to cancer patients.

Cancer Care Greatest Needs Endowment

Jan never had a lot of money, but when her mother died and left Jan her home, Jan knew what she wanted to do. She wanted to assure that support similar to the blessings provided by Dorothy Pierce, the Jeff Harnish Foundation, and PEAKS were available to others. That’s why Jan decided to establish a charitable gift annuity benefitting the **Cancer Care Greatest Needs Endowment** at St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation. Jan discovered at her age a charitable gift annuity would pay her an annuity rate of 6.4%. On a \$10,000 charitable gift annuity she would

receive an annual annuity of \$640 — income she could use to help make ends meet. Also, it was a comfort to Jan to know her annual annuity was guaranteed by the assets of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System and would never fluctuate with the ups and downs of the stock market. *(At the end of Jan’s life, the remainder value of her charitable gift annuity will go to the Cancer Care Greatest Needs Endowment.)*



**Jan with her
beloved Bobby**

Mother Xavier Ross Legacy Society

Because Jan decided to establish a legacy gift, she and John will always be remembered through the Mother Xavier Ross Legacy Society. The **John and Janet Tenwalde** name is inscribed on the Mother Xavier Ross Legacy Society wall outside the chapel in the Fortin Lobby at St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation.

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