

# JOHN STODDARD CANCER CENTER

IOWA METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER

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Dear Friend,

When diagnosed with cancer, not only is your world turned upside down, but you are in a state of constant chaos. Having someone there for you during every step is reassuring.

When Karen Knapp-Danielson went in for a routine mammogram, thoughts of abnormal cells, chemotherapy treatments and radiation were the farthest things from her mind. However, on February 12, Karen and her husband, Rick, received the news, it's breast cancer. Karen was in the fight of her life.

At the John Stoddard Cancer Center we understand those fears and unknowns for both patients and families when a person is diagnosed with cancer. That is the reason we started the Cancer Care Coordinator Program. The coordinators serve as educators, advocates, facilitators, but most importantly they provide hope and encouragement to patients and loved ones so they can have the best quality of life possible while going through treatment.

*"Edra put a face to the hospital," says Margery, Karen's daughter. "She was welcoming, calming and reassuring—we all instantly loved her."*

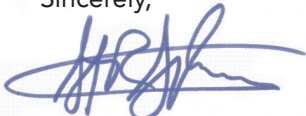
As part of the Stoddard team, Edra Fouts, a Cancer Care Coordinator, understands not only what the patient is experiencing physically, but also the vital importance of providing information and resources for the patient.

*"My role as a care coordinator is to support cancer patients and their loved ones while helping to oversee the care they receive from diagnosis, to treatment and beyond," says Edra. "We assess patient needs and implement quality improvement initiatives and referrals by involving multidisciplinary team members. Together, we support the patient throughout their journey, shoulder to shoulder, and instill a sense of hope and encouragement."*

Most important, the coordinator provides hope and encouragement to patients and loved ones so they can have the best quality of life possible while going through treatment. This unique program is completely funded through philanthropy and they follow the patient throughout the entire care process.

To continue—and grow—this beneficial program, we need your help. Our Care Coordinators are fully funded by generous gifts like yours—not by patient fees or insurance. In fact, without the support of caring individuals like you, this program would not be possible. May I count on your gift today? Your caring support will help us do more. Thank you for giving today.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steve Stephenson  
Chief Operating Officer/Executive Vice President

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Thanks to friends like you, our Cancer Care Coordinator program helps provide compassion and hope in a very scary situation. Every gift helps! So please, give generously.

**YES! Here's my gift for John Stoddard Cancer Center's Care Coordinator Program.**

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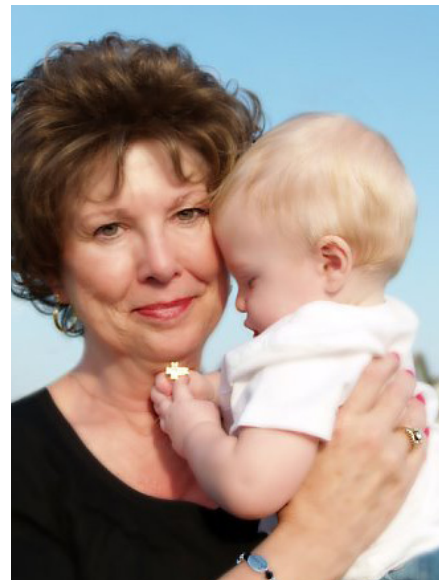
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