#### Our Mission

Providing Ashland County cancer patients with financial, nutritional, emotional, and educational support, along with spiritual insight.

#### **Our Vision**

To be recognized as a place of support for Ashland County residents living with cancer, from diagnosis, through treatment, and beyond.

# Our History

The Ashland County Cancer Association was founded in 1947 by Tom Dexter. His initiative and foresight has allowed us the honor of serving those in Ashland County experiencing cancer for 73 years. Today we serve over 300 cancer patients annually with a budgeted amount of \$100,000 for financial support.

#### How to Receive Services

Requirements to receive our services:

- Ashland County resident
- · Current cancer diagnosis

#### What You Need:

- Completed ACCA application
- Signed diagnosis form by your physician

#### How to Submit:

- Drop forms off at our office or in our drop box (located outside)
- Complete an application over the phone
- Have your physicians office fax completed application to us via fax or email

# Our Funding

The Ashland County Cancer Association is a stand-alone organization honored to serve Ashland Co. cancer patients and their families. Ashland County Cancer Association receives funding in part by:

- United Way of Ashland
- Mohican Area Community Fund
- Ashland County Community Foundation
- Samaritan Hospital Foundation
- ACCA Fundraisers
- Community-initiated Fundraisers/Events
- Memorial Donations
- Generous Donations from individuals
- Endowments and Bequest

Our organization **DOES NOT** receive any funding from national organizations such as the American Cancer Society. Your donation provides direct financial assistance to Ashland Co. cancer patients.

# Can You Help?

- · Consider a monetary donation
- Become a volunteer
- Host a fundraiser or event
- · Provide "Wish List" items
- Become a companion or a mentor to a patient, family, or caregiver
- · Provide a meal
- Pray for patients and their caregivers
- Volunteer to drive a patient to an appointment

# Ashland County Cancer Association

"Where there is help, there is HOPE"



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# ASHLAND COUNTY CANCER ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS & SUPPORT

# Financial Support

The Ashland County Cancer Association provides all Ashland residents who have been given a cancer-diagnosis by a qualified physician with financial assistance, regardless of income.

# ACCA provides financial services for the following:

- Cancer-related cost for prescriptions & OTC medicines, after insurance has been applied.
- Cancer-related medical supplies such as: Biotene mouthwash, gauze, ointments & durable medical supplies such as: wheelchairs, wigs, mastectomy items, etc...
- Nutritional supplements such as: prescribed vitamins, supplemental nutritional drink such as Ensure or Glucose Control. In-office we carry Boost and Boost Breeze drink for clients in need of nutritional support.
- Travel allowance to treatment centers and doctor's offices for cancer-related appointments.
- Other items may be covered with approval of the director. Call our office with questions or concerns.

# **Educational Support**

The Ashland County Cancer Association provides cancer patients, their families, and community members with a variety of educational materials and resources.

- Office library contains literature and books on various types of cancer, treatments, early detection, prevention, and nutrition.
- ACCA serves as a place of reference. Staff will assist to find other sources for client's pending needs.
- Staff is trained as an OSHIP volunteer assisting with the Medicare needs of clients and community members over the age of 65. Call for an appointment or questions with your Medicare needs.

# **Emotional & Spiritual**

We are committed to supporting cancer patients, their families, and caregivers.

- Need to talk, we are here for you.
- Need prayer, let us pray with you!
- Want to connect with a local pastor or church? We can help make that connection.
- Interested in a support group or a mentor, we can provide you with these resources.
- We have a vast assortment of reading materials in our office, stop by anytime!

# **Nutritional Support**

Cancer treatments can affect one's appetite.
To maintain calorie, protein and fluid intake during treatment and after, the Ashland
County Cancer Association provides:

- Vanilla, strawberry, & chocolate Boost as well as wild berry or orange Boost Breeze to those needing nutritional support.
- Reimbursements for other supplemental nutritional drinks such as Ensure or Boost Glucose Control. Must submit receipt of purchase.
- Free nutritional literature on a variety of cancers and the important role that nutrition plays during treatment and beyond.

### What is Cancer?

Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. If the spread is not controlled, it can result in death. Although the causes of cancer are not completely understood, numerous factors are known to increase the disease's occurrence, including many that are modifiable (e.g., tobacco use and excess body weight) and others that are not (e.g., inherited genetic mutations). These risk factors may act simultaneously or in sequence to initiate and/or promote cancer growth.