

## 2008 Education, Client and Services Report



Cancer Services of ECI-Little Red Door's ***Client Service Program*** is designed to help reduce the physical and financial burdens of a cancer diagnosis. Through the program, we are able to ensure that individuals dealing with cancer and their caregivers receive the equipment, supplies and support they need to maintain the highest quality of life possible during their experience. To assist the caregiver in caring for a loved one, we provide support services, equipment and other supplies at no cost. Items needed to modify the home such as hospital beds, commodes, shower stools, wheelchairs, and walkers are loaned. The equipment and other costly supplies such as linens, washable pads, chux, incontinent supplies and nutritional supplements reduce the work load and minimize time spent by the caregiver in tracking down basic needs. Not having to purchase such items also frees up resources that can be put to other medical and living expenses. These services allow the client to remain in their homes and afford their caregiver the support to provide quality care

In these stressful and uncertain economic times, our services are increasingly vital. In particular, we are receiving more requests for our ***Cancer Assistance Program (CAP)***. This program assists uninsured and underinsured clients with the cost of their cancer related medications. In 2008 forty-nine clients received assistance that totaled \$17,800. Request for our ***Transportation Assistance Program (TAP)*** has also increased. With the cost of gas at times reaching \$4 a gallon in 2008, our assistance in the form of gas vouchers, gas cards and public transportation was not only appreciated, but vital for many of our clients to be able to keep their treatment appointments.

In 2008 we launched our ***Client Advocate Program*** to educate and guide our clients and their care givers through the process of obtaining governmental assistance; the medical maze of finding access to care. Our Client Advocate works one on one with our clients and caregivers, ensuring that they have the necessary knowledge and resources needed to get care.

Cancer Services of ECI-Little Red Door continues to provide educational programs to schools and community groups on request. We have provided interactive educational booths at several health fairs and have provided speakers to organizations and clubs. Our ***BSE and TSE for Teens*** program is designed to teach high school health students the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and knowing early detection techniques for breast and testicular cancer. ***"Reaching Out" Breast Health Program*** received funding once again from the Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Indianapolis and the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust. This community partnership is committed to ensuring that no woman in Delaware County goes without access to breast health services. Over 1,400 women have received free screenings and 4,000 have participated in educational programs. The ***Prostate Cancer Support Group*** provides education and support to men with prostate cancer and their families. Members comment on how they have benefit from the education and peer support they receive. We continue to take an active role in the ***Tobacco Free Coalition of Delaware County***. Through it's collaboration, we have been able to receive training and materials to continue to help us provide smoking cessation to people who want to quit smoking.



***National Cancer Survivors Day*** is a yearly community event we all look forward to. Several organizations collaborate to provide a special day to celebrate with cancer survivors and to honor and thank their caregivers and medical team.

National Cancer Survivors Day  
speaker Dorthea Bass



## 2008 Education, Client and Services Report in Numbers

New Clients	307	Transportation Assistance Program (TAP)	114
Expired Clients	211	Total \$ of TAP Program	\$18,860.00
Unduplicated Clients Served	507	Client Assistance Program (CAP)	49
Clients Served Monthly (average)	109	Total \$ of CAP Program	\$17,800.00
Equipment Loaned	131	Expanded Assistance Program (EAP)	33
Convince Items Given	2,555	Total \$ of EAP Program	\$1,233.00
Disposable Items Given	28,420	Educational Contacts	52,803
Units of Service Given	29,238	Mammogram Referrals	309
Presentations	83	Prostate Cancer Support Group (average)	8

### Community Support

In 2008 Cancer Services-Little Red Door received funding from the United Way of Delaware, Randolph and Blackford County and the United Fund of Henry County. Client and education programs would not be possible without the support provided by the members of the community through United Way. Thank you on behalf of our clients.

#### Clients' Expressions of Thanks.....

Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you so much for all your help in our time of need. You were a blessing!

Life's a lot brighter and happier, too. Because of thoughtful people like you! Thank you so much for the help you gave me through my treatments. Your kindness will always be remembered. God Bless.

Thank you for all your help with the care of our loved one. Your organization is a God send. We appreciate you.

Words truly don't begin to express our gratitude for the assistance we received with our mammogram bills. As the bills arrived we were completely unsure of how they would be paid. I know for sure the Lord directed my path that day. God used you to meet our needs. I give thanks to the Lord for the amazing gift. He knew just what was needed and you were such a blessing. Thank you for your kindness. It was a miracle for our family during these most difficult days.



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