

Cancer Resource Center



From left to right: Sharon Kaplan, volunteer program director; Jyl Dowd, administrative manager; Kerry Quinn, outreach program director; and Shawn Galbreath, executive director.

The women of the Cancer Resource Center are no ordinary people. They have their moments, as do we all, but one thing they do and do well is dedicate themselves to replacing the fears that a cancer diagnosis brings with breathing space and relief. Over 600 people come to the center each year for assistance in a very stressful time of their lives.

Many women have walked through the doors of the Center as staff, volunteers and clients over the past 15 years. In fact the founders are a group of local women who wanted to provide support and advocacy for women with breast cancer at a time when it was not vogue or a think-pink industry.

Women were and still are today, the gatekeepers of the organization. They have worked at the forefront and behind the scenes providing the support upon which a healthy living organization grows in good times and survives during lean times: ensuring services are always available.

Each member of this team has been a part of the community for over 20 years (Jyl grew up in Ithaca, so that's a really long time). Service to community in their work and private lives is a way of life, and deeply rooted in their spirits. Having community connections and knowing local services so well is what makes the Center so good at what it has done for 15 years: provide a community of support for people with cancer and their loved ones, so that no one must face cancer alone.



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