



Reasons to be thankful

Dear Friends:

This will probably be one of the hardest letters I write to ask for financial support of Cancer Services of Grant county. Hard because I don't know where to start. I am sure that 2020 has impacted you, your loved ones, and beyond. This pandemic has at the very least made 2020 a memorial year. As you are probably aware, the not-for-profit sector has been deeply affected financially by the outbreak of COVID 19. Our income is down while the need of our clients remains. CSGC's income is made up of donations, memorials, grants, and fundraising events. In 2020 that income is half of what it was in 2019.

Although our office was closed for 2 months, we were still working behind the scenes from our homes to continue to provide all that was needed by our clients. It was business as usual for myself and my staff as we learned to adapt. For a time, our volunteer programs such as our driver program had to be halted for the safety of our clients as well as our volunteers. We are still only using a limited number of volunteers for their safety. We were providing front porch delivery of gas vouchers as well as equipment and prescriptions to our clients throughout this year as needed. In spite of little or no volunteer help, my staff and I made sure that folks had what they needed to weather the COVID storm.

As you may know the COVID restrictions have been blamed for delayed diagnosis of cancers due to the many added precautions since early March. Because of this, we anticipate 2021 to be a very busy year with many new clients as we continue to care for our current clients.

I have written this type of letter each year



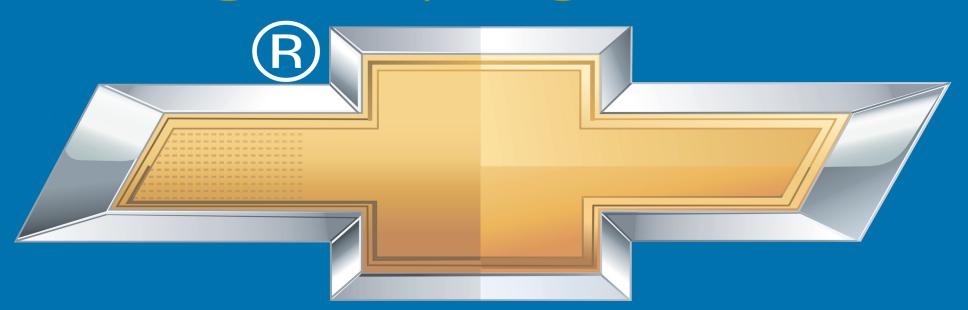
since 1999 to our generous donors. Each year we face challenges as all not-for-profits do. I think we will all look back to 2020 and remember this year as a year full of new and unique challenges.

In spite of these challenges I have kept my sanity by being grateful and thankful throughout this pandemic. I am thankful for many things. Personally, I am thankful for continued health for myself, my family and my staff. I am thankful for the way that my staff has overcome and adapted to all challenges and continue to support our many clients during their cancer journey. I am thankful for how well our clients adapted to our 2020 ways. I am thankful for the time, talent, and treasure of so many that continues so graciously that keeps us functioning. I am thankful to my Board of Directors for their support during these unprecedented times. I am thankful for our many donors who choose to make donations annually or monthly or support our three fundraising events.

I am especially thankful to you for your personal sacrifices with your continued interest and support of the good works of Cancer Services of Grant County. Thank you for your generosity.

Happy Holidays to you and yours. And may 2021 more than make up for the needs that 2020 created. – Jennifer Lane Riefler, Executive Director, Cancer Services of Grant County

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