

# 365 DAYS OF

# comfort & care

After opening the new comprehensive multidisciplinary community Cancer Center in 2015, Carteret Health Care (CHC) continues to enhance the oncology services offered in the region. Exciting new phases of growth include offering a specialized Breast Nurse Navigator and adding new technology for radiation & breast cancer patients to aid in their healing and battle with cancer. These combined with Carteret's new clinical collaboration with the Mayo Clinic Care Network means CHC oncologists can work directly with Mayo Clinic's top specialists at any time so patients can confidently choose the best path for getting well and staying well.

Through the generous support of the KWLA, the journey for cancer patients is made lighter. Patients have appreciated the silencing earphones during their chemotherapy treatments, relaxed during complimentary massage therapy, and escaped into the beautiful artwork that decorates the Cancer Center walls. Caregivers can recharge in the meditation garden while getting fresh air and sunshine. Additionally, over 2,000 patients and caregivers have enjoyed creating art in painting and pottery classes. The Lady Anglers through the Big Rock's Keli Wagner Lady Angler Tournament truly make a difference by providing those comfort items and enriching the cancer journey for patients and families.

The kindness that the KWLA Tournament shows to cancer patients is hard to measure. When a patient is first diagnosed, it is hard to comprehend all of the details and changes that are coming at them. Nurse Navigator's guide them during this time by providing support and answering questions as well as providing necessary items purchased with the KWLA funds to get them started in this journey. Simple things such as calendars to record their symptoms, their many appointments and note recording reduces the feeling of being overwhelmed.



Keli, who lost her battle with cancer in October 2008, was instrumental in having proceeds from the lady's tournament donated to the Carteret Health Care Cancer Center, specifically for patient comfort and care.

