

2012 Employee Giving Campaign

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Everyday Heroes



"I started donating to the employee annual campaign years ago because I wanted to make a difference. Little did I know one day after being diagnosed with breast cancer myself that I too would need the support of my fellow co-workers. Thanks to the support of the Breast Health Center and kindness of my fellow employees who support the Employee Crisis Connection fund I received the support I needed and was reminded once again that Jennie really does Care. Thank you!"

My Story:

I first joined the Jennie Family in 1991 and have been a long-time member of the Admitting / Registration team. Everyday I have the opportunity to interact with our patients and families and know first hand how important the care we provide is to the community.

In 2007 after receiving a free mammogram provided to all Jennie Edmundson employees something suspicious was identified. My whole world fell a part. Frightened and worried about my health...how was I going to pay for not only medical bills but also basic needs such as groceries and rent if I needed to be off to recover? Overwhelmed by the fear of the unknown I wondered how I would get through all of this? But after I met with the Breast Health Center, and one by one, my worries went away. I realized, I was not alone in this journey – my Jennie Family was with me every step of the way.

In the next few weeks, I went through breast biopsies, 2 lumpectomies, a double mastectomy and implant surgery. Through it all, I found support and encouragement from everyone — Tammy, Ann, the surgeons, EVERYONE was so kind and I knew I was in good hands. Then came the recovery, 4 weeks and no work so therefore not much money coming in. Through the resources of the Employee Crisis Connection, I received much needed assistance so I could pay my bills during this troubling time.

Today 4 years later and Cancer-free, I can not speak highly enough of the Breast Health Center. "I received WONDERFUL care as a patient! We have a great thing here at Jennie and that is one reason I am supporting the Employee Giving Campaign this year. I know from my own experience as well as my boyfriend who also had Breast Cancer and went to the Breast Health Center...***we are lucky to have this wonderful service and I hope you will join me in pledging your support too! Every little bit helps!***

