



CIRCLE OF LIGHT
CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



For rural Nebraska women with breast cancer, the road to successful treatment is long. She may live hundreds of miles from the hospital, incur unexpected costs for fuel, rides, overnight stays, and suffer a lower quality of life fighting her cancer because she may not have health coverage and be unable to afford proper food and needed drugs. She may lose work time and income during treatment.

Chadron Hospital's Circle of Light addresses one of the largest barriers to care in a rural setting – financial stress. The program provides short-term financial help, and aims to decrease monetary barriers that hinder patients from getting and complying with effective treatment. The facilitators know firsthand that patients stop/miss treatment, don't take drugs, and don't eat well if they cannot afford it.

The goal: To provide quality care and support to breast cancer patients, to remove the barriers to compliance, to ease financial stress and concentrate on healing, and to minimize the effects of having to travel long distances for treatment.

This program is administered through a rural hospital of excellence by 3 facilitators, who are sensitive to the unique issues preventing adequate care for rural women affected by breast cancer.

Circle of Light is hoping to open the program up to all cancer patients in our area by raising funds separate from the Susan G. Komen Grant.

"Show the Light in your Heart" cocktail party and silent auction will be from 5:30-8:00 PM on Friday, March 19, 2010 at the Chadron Arts Center. All proceeds are kept local go to help cancer patients in our area.

Tickets for the cocktail party and silent auction will be \$15.00 per person and may be purchased ahead of time at the Chadron Hospital, Chadron Chamber, Bean Broker or at the door.

For more information on the Circle of Light program, please call Jodi Danner, Brenda Rhembrandt or Tricia Thayer at 432-5586.