

An update to our caregivers on your generous support of Swedish



Your generosity changes lives

“I would choose Swedish all over again, knowing what I know now.” – Teri, breast cancer survivor

Teri lives a healthy life—drinks green tea, eats kale salads, and completely avoids tobacco and alcohol. Last year, she received some shocking news: she had breast cancer, a diagnosis that completely changed her life.

Her journey from finding a lump in her breast while in the shower, to coming to our very own Swedish Cancer Institute for care, made all the difference for Teri. She is very thankful to her Swedish family that not only cares for her, but also donates to support incredible medical and nurturing programs, such as these ones that cared for Teri when she needed it most:

- Our stellar oncology care team who saved her life.
- Our programs that care for her mental and emotional needs such as art therapy, music therapy and meditation.
- Her cherished support group that helps her understand and navigate her own cancer experience.
- Our beautiful facilities and warm, welcoming environment.

“Having breast cancer has been a life-changing experience, and through cancer therapy I have learned what true wellness is,” says Teri. “I am thankful for Swedish and am so fortunate to have all of these resources in my backyard.”



Thanks to you, Teri got the cancer care she needed to get back to doing the things she loves.

Every day, you dedicate your time and energy to providing extraordinary care that changes the lives of patients like Teri. Today, she’s cancer free and spends her time giving back to other patients and sharing the impact Swedish has made on her life.

People from near and far come to Swedish because they know they will receive world-class care—care that’s made possible by your incredible support.

Your generosity makes a difference

You are not only a dedicated caregiver; you are part of a special group of caregivers who go above and beyond as committed philanthropic supporters. You help ensure Swedish’s excellence remains strong—today and in the future.

Since the Caregiver Campaign launched in 2006, you and your fellow caregivers have donated more than \$1.7 million to make a difference in the lives of our patients, colleagues and our community. Thank you!



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Today, as patient care needs outpace available health care resources, your dedication and generosity is furthering our not-for-profit mission and helping our patients lead their healthiest lives. Thank you!

Swedish Employee Emergency Fund: supporting each other

Over 30 percent of caregivers who donate to Swedish choose to support the Employee Emergency Fund. Funded completely by wonderful caregivers like you, this fund is available for those going through a time of crisis. A caregiver can apply through Human Resources and receive financial assistance when they need it most. This program supports caregivers facing difficult situations such as:

- A house fire
- A major health event
- The loss of a loved one
- A partner losing their job

Because of your giving, caregivers received more than \$41,000 in support last year. Thank you for your caring heart and investment in caring for each other. Your incredible giving makes a lasting impact throughout our Swedish community.

“I know that I have an opportunity to have a big impact on someone’s life.” – Mark, labor & delivery nurse

Your impact in 2017

Your gift through the Caregiver Campaign brought hope to so many people—from improving our patients’ health to taking care of each other in times of need.

Last year you and your fellow caregivers donated more than \$330,000 to support our extraordinary health care, and more than \$41,000 to support caregivers in need.

Your giving helped support key initiatives across Swedish, such as:

- Our mobile mammography program at the Swedish Cancer Institute, which provides free breast cancer screenings to women across our region.
- Leading-edge research at the Swedish Heart & Vascular Institute to find better treatments for patients with heart disease.
- The Swedish Multiple Sclerosis Center at the Swedish Neuroscience Institute, which offers high-quality medical care and support services to patients living with this debilitating neurological disorder.
- Our neonatal intensive care unit, which offers timely, specialized care to babies who are born prematurely or with serious illnesses.
- The Swedish General Surgical Residency Program, which offers surgical training to the next generation of top physicians.

Thank you for your extraordinary caring.

2018 Caregiver Campaign—coming soon!

The 2018 Caregiver Campaign is a great opportunity to renew your commitment. It’s also a good time to share the difference philanthropy makes at Swedish with your colleagues who aren’t yet donors. Together we can invest in a healthy tomorrow for our community. Thank you!