

Marianne's Room ~

A Lasting Tribute To Marianne Zirkle

Volunteerism: the eagerness to help, the willingness to give, the sincere concern for others. Marianne Zirkle embodied this spirit of volunteerism. Her cheerful generosity prevailed even as she courageously battled cancer and its complications. After her untimely death at age 39, family and friends honored Marianne's life with their generous donations to The Women's Committee of Martha Jefferson Hospital. Through careful consideration, a lasting tribute to Marianne was created from these donations.... "Marianne's Room."

With the help of family and friends, a previously small, barren room was transformed into a comfortable area with a very specific job...to help cancer patients deal with hair loss due to chemotherapy treatments. Specially ordered wigs, hats, and scarves are offered free of charge to any patient interested in utilizing this service. Vicki Brunjes, the Cancer Resource Center Coordinator, is available to assist patients with wig and hat selection as well as offer valuable information about hair loss from chemotherapy.



Vickie Brunjes, Cancer Resource Center Coordinator assists a client in Marianne's Room.

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Since its creation in 2002, Marianne's Room has become a very important and unique element of patient care at Martha Jefferson Hospital. It truly embodies the spirit of generosity and hope so often associated with Marianne Zirkle. Through various fundraising efforts such as the Preview Party Raffle and In The Pink Tennis Tournament, The Women's Committee of Martha Jefferson Hospital is honored to provide continual funding for this program.

Chemo-Cap Kit Project

The Chemo-Cap Kit project provides hand-knitted caps made from special yarn to cancer patients. Chemo-Cap Kits, available at Martha Jefferson Gift Shop or Marianne's Room, will be assigned to any community member interested in knitting for a great cause. Finished caps are returned to Marianne's Room upon completion.



**Marianne's Room is located on the 3rd floor
of the Cardwell Center in Martha Jefferson Hospital.
For further information on Marianne's Room, contact Vicki Brunjes,
Cancer Resource Center Coordinator at 434 982-8401.**
