

## JMD CANCER RESOURCE CENTER IS GROWING

The JMD Cancer Resource Center officially opened at UMPC McKeesport in April of 2009. From that date to the present, we continue our strong commitment to developing and managing much needed patient assistance programs and community outreach, all made possible by our fundraising initiatives.

In 2017, the JMD was fortunate to merge a collaboration with the former *McKeesport Relay for Life* group. Since then, they have worked tirelessly to help us develop and coordinate fundraising efforts across the year. All proceeds are used to fund the JMD programs and directly benefit cancer patients across the Mon Valley.

Financial assistance is key to the continued success of JMD. Your tax-deductible donation can be made via our website, [www.jmdf.net](http://www.jmdf.net) or via check made payable to JMD Foundation, 151 Parkside Drive, West Mifflin PA 15122.

## WILL YOU JOIN US?

To sustain our mission of serving the needs of cancer patients, their families and caregivers in the Mon Valley, the JMD appreciates your support. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the JMD program of your choice by contacting Kathy Davies at 412-400-3706 or via our website [www.jmdf.net](http://www.jmdf.net).

Your support of our fundraising efforts is welcomed and deeply appreciated. Please check the JMD web site for event details.

If you are interested in volunteering or are a cancer patient and would like to select a free wig, please contact JMD through **Cathy Matta at 412-225-5087** or **Kathy Davies at 412-400-3706**. We will schedule an appointment for you to select a wig at UPMC McKeesport. Wigs are available no matter where you receive your cancer treatment.



## Jodie Matta-Dillinger Foundation

The Jodie Matta-Dillinger (JMD) Cancer Resource Center at UPMC McKeesport, our partners and volunteers are dedicated to offering much needed resources and support for cancer patients, their families and caregivers. Inspired by Jodie's journey, we strive to provide advocacy, compassion and sensitivity, improving the quality of life for those we serve in the Mon Valley and the Greater Pittsburgh area.

**JMD Cancer Resource Center  
UPMC McKeesport Mansfield  
Building, D Level  
1500 Fifth Avenue  
McKeesport, PA 15132**

## ABOUT US

In 2009 the Jodie Matta-Dillinger Foundation (JMDF) was established with the JMD Cancer Resource Center being our primary focus. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the JMD Board of Directors, our Volunteers and outside financial support, we were granted a federal income tax exemption under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c) (3). This allows donations to be tax deductible under IRC Section 170.

## HISTORY, THEN AND NOW

Jodie's untimely death from brain cancer occurred in August of 2001. In response to their loss, the Matta & Dillinger families and friends felt energized and empowered. Their drive and dedication to her memory led to the creation of the JMD Cancer Resource Center under the leadership of her brother, George Matta. In May of 2021, the same brain cancer took George's life. This loss now provides new motivation for the future of the JMD. It is our hope to continue George's vision to help other families as they struggle to face similar challenges.

## JMD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Developed and maintained a collaborative partnership with UPMC McKeesport focused on improving cancer patient care.
- ❖ Contributed resources to the Wig Room and recruited JMD volunteers to staff the Wig Room by appointment
- ❖ Provided head coverings for hundreds of patients since 2009.
- ❖ Opened the JMD Cancer Resource Center in UPMC McKeesport in April of 2012.
- ❖ Established the Dignity Robe program in 2012 and to date, JMD has provided more than 100 robes a year to women receiving radiation treatments.
- ❖ Launched the JMD Nutritional Supplement program in 2014, providing Ensure at no cost for chemotherapy patients.
- ❖ In May 2023, helped AHN to fund programs that support their established cancer patient initiatives

## WHAT THE JMD PROVIDES FOR CANCER PATIENTS:

- ❖ Wigs, caps, scarves and doo rags
- ❖ Dignity robes for radiation
- ❖ Nutritional supplements (Ensure)
- ❖ Healthy snacks during chemo treatments
- ❖ Water bottles and hydration packets
- ❖ Hygiene kits
- ❖ Specialty skin and nail care programs
- ❖ Colonoscopy preps

## JMD OFFERS SUPPORT TO CANCER PATIENTS AT THESE CANCER TREATMENT SITES:

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center locations:

- ❖ UPMC East
- ❖ UPMC McKeesport
- ❖ UPMC Mercy

UPMC Outpatient facilities:

- ❖ Monroeville
- ❖ West Mifflin

AHN Cancer Institute locations:

- ❖ AHN Allegheny General Hospital