



Jerry Futrell, cancer care patient, talks with Rhonda Overton, RN, Cancer Care Navigator, about his plan of care.

The foresight of the Roanoke-Chowan Foundation Board members since its inception in 1985 is still alive and continues to focus on improving the health and well-being of all people living in the region. This year, in spite of the challenges of the coronavirus and the tireless dedication of our healthcare Heroes, we wish to take time to reflect on the collaborative efforts of Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Roanoke-Chowan Foundation and Vidant Health to address Cancer Care and "Celebrate Hope" for those patients impacted by the services provided them.

We are most fortunate to have cancer care services available at Vidant Health in Greenville and locally at Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Ahoskie. Congratulations to Vidant Health on the fulfillment of the Cancer Tower Fund Raising Campaign. Let us celebrate hope that has been afforded those in need of Cancer Care. Thanks to those who contributed to this success. Congratulation to Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital and to the Cancer Care Team who provide compassionate care and offer rays of hope during their treatment.

Listed are highlights of "Celebrating Hope":

- Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital received Commission on Cancer Accreditation in 2021. This accreditation validates that Vidant Roanoke-Chowan met or exceeded a set of high quality and care standards that would not only help current patients, but also to reduce the number of patients who may develop cancer.
- In 2020 - 2021, Vidant Roanoke-Chowan was the recipient of their first Cancer Care Patient Navigator Grant from Roanoke-Chowan Foundation in the amount of \$45,270. Successes included:
 - 650 navigator encounters were entered helping patients have better coordination of care.

- Over 180 distress screenings have been performed on our oncology/radiation patients leading to early identification of stressors and access to needed referrals to nutrition, psychosocial support, financial counseling and much more.
 - A total of \$70,436.99 has been obtained with the help of our pharmacy to help pay for chemo medications for 7 patients through grants.
 - Seven patients have been approved for medication through manufacturing assistance for FREE drugs. This is for patients who are uninsured, underinsured, and cannot afford the cost or copay of medication. NOTE: Estimated value of those drugs is hard to pinpoint, however, with 1 medication, it was shared that the patient was eligible for \$50,132 of free medication.
 - Managed the care of 45-50 patients on oral chemo.
 - Assessed uninsured or underinsured and facilitate medication assistance.
 - Assessed insurance status and help guide patients and families how to navigate.
 - Referred uninsured patient to medication coordinators as soon as possible for manufacturer assistance with infusions.
 - Nineteen patients have been assisted for a total of \$455,270.76 replacement costs.
 - Enrolled and managed patients in the Roanoke-Chowan Community Health Center TRIP grant program funded by Roanoke-Chowan Foundation. 10 patients enrolled, more than 385 rides have been scheduled for these patients in the past year.
- We are grateful for the support and donations from individuals, patients and families and Community Organizations to Roanoke-Chowan and Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital specified for Cancer Care (gas and pharmacy vouchers).
 - Celebrate Hope – Kudos to Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Cancer Care Team Members and Medical staff for their tireless efforts toward the success of our Oncology Unit and the Mission to the Cancer patients in the Roanoke-Chowan area.
 - Patients report that they feel like family when walking in the doors and meeting our cancer care team. Our team lives our Vidant Health Mission, Vision, and Values while providing care to the families of the Roanoke-Chowan Area.

Let us continue now and in the future to “Celebrate Hope” in the Roanoke-Chowan area.



Linda Vaders, NC-P, and Dr. Son reviewing and discussing a patient's case.

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