It was November 2017. Karen Belleveau was going in for shoulder replacement surgery. It was routine and straightforward. But during her rehabilitation, she noticed a cough that wouldn’t go away. She contacted her doctor about it. He recommended a chest X-ray. The X-ray revealed a large tumor on the outside of one of her lungs. It was the size of a fist. And it was cancer.

Karen was shocked and devastated.

Because of the location of the tumor, surgery wasn’t an option. She was given a 50% chance of survival.

Karen underwent chemotherapy and radiation. It was exhausting and scary. She realized she needed someone to talk to about what was going on. That’s when her doctor recommended Providence Hospice of Seattle and their Transitions pre-hospice program.

Karen has lung cancer. Because of you, she’s getting the support she needs to deal with her illness and live life as fully as she can.
Sudden Death of Dad Left Teen Heading Down Bad Path

Thanks to you, Caitlin is moving forward with her life, while holding onto the memory of her dad

Caitlin Ottaway was just 15 years old when her life changed forever. That was December 2017. Her dad, Scott, died suddenly.

She was blind-sided. Confused. Deeply saddened. Her mom knew about Providence Hospice’s grief program for kids and teens. A grief counselor came to Caitlin’s house soon after her dad’s death, but it was too soon for her to open up and accept help.

During the next year, Caitlin struggled. “I felt very alone,” explained Caitlin. “I was depressed. I had a lot of trouble at school and with day-to-day life. I had a hard time connecting with other kids. I didn’t want to remember my dad’s death, but it kept coming up.”

By the following summer, Caitlin was ready to accept help. She attended Providence Hospice of Seattle’s Camp Erin®-King County. It’s an annual weekend camp for kids and teens who’ve lost someone they love.

Camp Erin is offered free of charge, thanks to generous donors like you!

“At camp, I was finally able to feel the emotions I wanted to feel,” said Caitlin. “I met other kids who’d lost someone. I never had an opportunity to say goodbye to my dad. Camp gave me that.”

After camp, she started seeing a grief counselor from Providence Hospice.

“Through grief counseling, I learned better coping skills. I learned ways to remember my dad and to talk to my friends about his death. Grief counseling has given me a safe space to share how I’m feeling, with someone who is trained. I’ve also been able to create helpful ways to memorialize my dad.”

“Without Camp Erin and grief counseling, I would be struggling a lot more, personally and overall. But because of the help I’ve gotten, I feel better about moving forward with my life, while still remembering my dad.”

Specialized grief counseling for kids and teens would not be possible without your donations. Thank you for standing with Caitlin and all the other kids like her!

How Will You Be Remembered?

Leaving a gift in your will to Providence Hospice of Seattle is a once-in-a-lifetime chance. A chance to ensure that people who are facing terminal illness and grief get the support and comfort they need. Even after you’re gone. And for your kindness, we’ll always remember you. For more information, call Gary Crum at 206-749-7801 or email him at gary.crum@providence.org.
Care that’s above and beyond

Insurance pays for ordinary hospice care, yes. But extraordinary hospice care - the kind you count on here at Providence Hospice of Seattle, the kind that will be here for you and for anyone in need - is only possible thanks to donors like you. At Hospice, we care for people - which means we end up doing a lot more than checking a patient’s vitals.

You see, we’re not here to help people die. We’re here to help people live. Facing death is hard. But it gets a little easier when we stand together.

THANK YOU!

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2018 Funding Report:
Programs Supported by Your Gifts

Providence Hospice of Seattle is able to provide extraordinary hospice care and grief support because of your generous donations.

- Camp Erin®-King County grief camp for kids, $91,031
- Patient special needs fund, $63,128
- Transitions pre-hospice program, $231,000
- Stepping Stones children's hospice and palliative care, $221,168
- Safe Crossings children's grief support, $235,099
- Other programs, $12,408
- Transitions pre-hospice program, $231,000
- Total Fundraising

Karen continued from front page

Transitions helps people who don’t qualify for hospice but are still facing a life-limiting illness and need help. The staff monitor clients’ health, facilitate communication with doctors, locate other resources in the community, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

Without your donations, Karen wouldn’t be getting the help she desperately needs.

“Providence has been a godsend!” exclaimed Karen.

“I get short-winded easily and can’t walk very far,” explained Karen. “So Providence helped me get a wheelchair. That’s been really helpful. Someone from the program visits me regularly. They’ve explained the process of what will happen as the cancer progresses. We’ve also discussed my end-of-life wishes and plans.”

“I know that if I need anything, any assistance or extra help, they’re just a phone call away. It’s so comforting to know that.”

“Without Providence Hospice, I don’t know who I’d talk to. I’d be very depressed and would have shut myself off. Because of them, I’m able to see each day as a gift and keep plugging along.”

The Transitions program is funded 100% by donations and is offered free of charge. It’s the only program of its kind in our community and is a lifesaver for so many. Thank you for helping people like Karen!
You’re Invited to Change a Child’s Life!

You’re invited to attend our 20th Annual Pediatric Luncheon. This event is an opportunity to help terminally ill and grieving kids in our community.

Thursday, September 19, 2019
Washington State Convention Center
11:30am Registration Opens
12:00pm Program Begins

Your donation at the luncheon will help fund our children’s hospice and grief support programs. You will ensure that these services are available to kids in our community, regardless of their financial circumstances. For more information or to register, contact Jill Perry at 206-749-7956 or hospicefoundation@providence.org, or visit us online at www.providence.org/luncheon.

My Gift to Help People Struggling with Terminal Illness and Grief

Yes, I will make sure hospice care and grief support are there for adults and kids, to guide and comfort them.

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Little Macklen has a terminal genetic disease. Hospice is making it possible for him to live out his life at home, with his family. You can help other kids like him by attending our 20th Annual Pediatric Luncheon!