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Dear Friend,

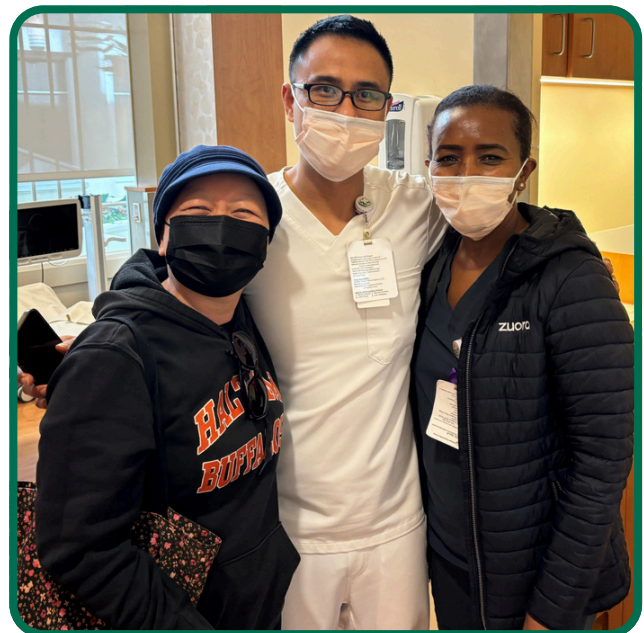
As we near the end of the year, I want to reflect on the progress we've made together in support of Washington Hospital's new **UCSF - Washington Cancer Center**. Your partnership has been vital to our mission of providing exceptional cancer care.

This year, Washington Hospital has made incredible strides—expanding treatment options, launching research initiatives, and enhancing supportive care services. These achievements are only possible because of generous individuals like you. Your commitment has brought hope and healing to so many. Thank you!

However, the need for cancer care in our community continues to grow and we urgently need your support **TODAY** to help our patients, like Christine. Three days after her 50th birthday, a routine mammogram revealed an abnormality in Christine's breast tissue. Soon after, she was diagnosed with aggressive, triple-negative breast cancer, requiring chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation treatments.

Christine's journey began with chemotherapy and regular check-ins with the UCSF – Washington Cancer Center team, physicians and specialists “I was in shock, but the team's immediate response with care and compassion made me feel supported,” she says.

When you or someone you love is faced with a life-changing diagnosis, you want to be close to home. Accessing compassionate treatment, close to home, improves quality of care and outcomes for everyone in our community.



Christine with Infusion Center team members,  
Raymond and Asry



To date, the Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation has raised \$11,000,000 to build an expanded state-of-the-art cancer center to provide better access to world-class treatment for patients like Christine. We urgently need your help to reach our \$12,000,000 goal by December 31st to ensure we can continue to provide cancer care to our community long into the future.

Your gift will support expanded areas in the UCSF-Washington Cancer Center, tripling the size of the current facilities and serving our community with **Academic-Level Care, Comprehensive Services, Research & Clinical Trials and a Survivorship Program.**

As a nonprofit hospital, your donations go directly to supporting our community. Every gift, no matter the size, has an impact. “The convenience of having the cancer center close to home, just a short drive away, has been a blessing. I don’t have to travel far for treatment, and I’m surrounded by family, which makes everything less daunting,” Christine shared.

When facing a life-changing diagnosis like Christine’s, being close to home for compassionate care improves outcomes for everyone in our community. Visit the UCSF-Washington Cancer Center link below to learn more about Christine’s journey and how you can support and use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible gift by **December 31st.**

May this letter inspire you to consider a gift to the **UCSF—Washington Cancer Center** and to honor a loved one by sharing your compassion this time of year. Imagine your eternal investment in providing compassionate care for patients and their families for future generations experiencing a cancer diagnosis. Thank you for your support.

Happy holidays to you and your family.

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