



Northwest  
**HOPE & HEALING**

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**LOCAL NON-PROFIT  
RECEIVES COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD FROM  
SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER**

*Northwest Hope & Healing Foundation receives 2011 Swedish Community Impact Award.*

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, Northwest Hope & Healing was recognized in an awards ceremony at the Swedish Donor Recognition Event held at the Seattle Tennis Club. Northwest Hope & Healing was presented with the 2011 Swedish Community Impact Award which recognizes a corporation or foundation whose ongoing support of Swedish Medical Center has made an important impact on the health of the people and community they serve.

“This award is the result of the generosity of our donors and supporters. The Community Impact Award is an honor to receive and we look forward to continue to assist women who are battling cancer.” says Executive Director, Shari Sewell.

Since 2000, Northwest Hope & Healing (NWHH) has partnered with Swedish Medical Center to offer support to women who are battling breast cancer in the Puget Sound area. Through their Healing Programs, which include the Patient Assistance Fund and the Healing Basket Program, NWHH has sent a message of love, life, and hope to more than 6,800 women who are fighting breast cancer. After paying for medical care, deductibles, co-pays and prescriptions, many patients face a shortfall for basic needs like food and rent. The NWHH Patient Assistance Fund helps ensure that women don't have to

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skip treatment to have food on the table, childcare during treatments, transportation to appointments, or a roof over their heads. In addition, signature Healing Baskets are filled with items such as a teddy bear, soothing hand lotion and herbal tea. Healing Baskets are given free of charge to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at all Swedish Campuses which include First Hill, Cherry Hill, Edmonds, and Issaquah, as well as the Swedish Cancer Institute affiliate at Highline Hospital in Burien.

Other awards were presented by Swedish to John L. Petersen M.D. and Saul Rivkin M.D., Martin S. Siegel M.D., Anne and Wayne Gittinger.

For more information about NW Hope & Healing, please visit their website:

<http://www.nwhopeandhealing.org>



NWHH Founder Christine Smith and Executive Director Shari Sewell

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Northwest Hope & Healing is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit foundation, EIN 20-0799737, that provides financial assistance for every day living expenses such as child care, groceries, gas or reliable transportation, & emergency rent to women who are undergoing breast and gynecological cancer treatment at Swedish Medical Center. Signature Healing Baskets are given free of charge to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.

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