

# T H E • P R O • B O N O COUNSELING PROJECT

## *Jean Steirn Cancer Program*

A program that links licensed mental health therapists with cancer patients and their families who otherwise could not afford treatment.

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### **The Mission of the Pro Bono Counseling Project**

is to assure that all Maryland residents requesting mental health care, regardless of income, are linked with volunteer licensed mental health professionals and other necessary supportive services.



**The Jean Steirn Cancer Program . . .**Links families and individuals with cancer with licensed mental health professionals throughout MD who are donating their services. This includes all phases in the progression of the illness from diagnosis and post-treatment adjustment to life expectations through death and dying, grief and loss... with the goal of enhancing their response to treatment and the quality of their lives.

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**Beyond Breast Cancer . . .** Brings licensed mental health professionals together with uninsured and low income patients and their families who are diagnosed with breast cancer to provide free therapy with the goal of enhancing the quality of their lives.

**Families Surviving Cancer Together . . .** Links uninsured and low income families with individual or family therapy to assist them with the overwhelming psychological adjustments that families must face when their child is diagnosed with cancer.



**Referral Guidelines . . .** The Clinical Coordinator, a licensed clinician, screens prospective patients for motivation, financial eligibility & links their needs to the specialty of the clinician. Information & referral sources are provided as necessary.

**Appropriate referrals would be . . .**

- Any cancer patient in need of mental health counseling
- Spouse/family member of cancer patient in need of counseling

**Eligible individuals/families . . .**

- Are under-insured
- Have low to moderate income
- Do not require the clinician to appear in court, present a threat of violence to therapist, request care for chronic mental illness, alcohol or substance abuse
- Have sufficient mental capacity to benefit from therapy
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**In Memory of Jean Steirn . . .**

Honors and celebrates the life of Jean Steirn, LCSW-C who succumbed to cancer last year after a valiant fight. She demonstrated courage and hope while she struggled through treatment and continued to serve her community as a resourceful model of compassionate professionalism. Titling our program with her name honors all those individuals coping with this disease who show us how to live and die with dignity. Jean's husband, David Edwin, Ph.D., is one of the founders of the Pro Bono Counseling Project.

**OUR SUPPORTERS:**

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