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Can Do Cancer Awarded \$25,000 Grant to Expand Services Beyond Breast Cancer

Des Moines, Iowa - Funding from Iowa Cancer Consortium and Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Supports Broader Cancer Support Services in Central Iowa

Des Moines, IA (September 30, 2025) - *Can Do Cancer* is proud to announce it has received a \$25,000 grant from the **Iowa Cancer Consortium** as part of the 2025 Iowa Cancer Plan Implementation Grant Program. These funds will allow Can Do Cancer to expand its reach and begin offering vital services to cancer patients beyond those diagnosed with breast cancer.

Since 2012, Can Do Cancer has supported over 1,200 breast cancer patients undergoing IV chemotherapy in Central Iowa by providing meals, housecleaning services, practical information, and emotional support. Thanks to this new funding, Can Do Cancer will pilot an expansion of these services to individuals diagnosed with other types of cancer that are undergoing IV-infusion treatment.

“This award is a turning point for our organization,” said **Molly Zaver**, Founder of Can Do Cancer. “We know the toll cancer takes on individuals and their families, no matter the diagnosis. With this support from the Iowa Cancer Consortium, we are ready to extend our proven model of care to even more Iowans navigating cancer treatment.”

The Iowa Cancer Consortium’s Cancer Plan Implementation Grant Program funds innovative efforts that help bring the Iowa Cancer Plan to life. Can Do Cancer’s expansion aligns with the plan’s goals of improving patient-centered care and reducing disparities in support services during treatment.

Over the coming months, Can Do Cancer will collaborate with healthcare partners, patients, and community leaders to ensure the expanded services are tailored to meet the needs of individuals diagnosed with various types of cancer.

While breast cancer remains central to our mission, we are thoughtfully exploring opportunities to extend our model to other cancer types – guided by research, collaboration, and a commitment to meeting patients where the need is greatest.

About Can Do Cancer:

Can Do Cancer is a nonprofit organization based in Central Iowa that provides practical and emotional support to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Its mission is to improve the lives of patients and their families by providing resources for healthy meals, housecleaning services, and encouragement during a difficult time.

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