



KOMAK™

Komak Quarterly

Spring 2020

2020

Fundraisers

May 30th

Worldwide Culinary Tour
for Cancer

5:00 pm PDT - 6:00 pm PDT
ONLINE Zoom Event

August 6th—9th

WinCo Portland Open

September TBD

Wine Country Scavenger
Hunt ...details to come

November TBD

2nd annual Art Show



Worldwide Culinary Tour for Cancer with host **Andy Carson** of Fox 12

You're invited to join us on **Saturday, May 30, at 5 pm** for an ONLINE Zoom fundraising event. Come along from the comfort of your home while local experts teach us how to design the perfect cheese and charcuterie platter, whip up a tempting Russian salad and wow with Vietnamese delights. And of course, what culinary experience can be complete without a scrumptious French dessert! We even have perfectly paired wines to recommend along the way.

Visit www.komakcares.org and head to the events page to get registered for this **FREE event**. **No passport required.**

Come back to the site often....where the salad, main courses and dessert will be announced and the recipe for the cocktail will be available soon. Get your ingredients and mix the cocktail right along with the presenter the night of the event and enjoy !

Join us the night of the event with this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5025025055>



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Client Stories

Rowdy

I was diagnosed with Metastatic Squamous Cell Neck Cancer. I had a modified radical neck dissection, complete/full dental extractions to facilitate the head and neck radiation treatment as well as chemotherapy.

I was made aware of Komak and their charitable program for cancer patients through my social worker and applied for a grant. Prior to this, I had reached out to other organizations and received absolutely no response, so my expectations were low and my health was lower. I was having to work through the surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapy treatments just to make ends meet. With the medical bills, deductibles, and out of pocket expenses completely out of control, I was literally broke and barely living paycheck to paycheck.

Then a minor miracle happened. Barrett Strasberg of the Komak Foundation contacted me. Barrett was following up on my application and we had a great conversation about my situation. We arranged a meeting at my place and left it at that. Again, I didn't have very high hopes, I had a lot of people and family make promises that didn't materialize. Well, just when I was at an ultimate low, Barrett and another board member, Rosemary McDermott, met with me and gave me hope that I was going to make it through things, not only from a health standpoint but financially as well.

The Komak Foundation agreed to assist me with a wonderful, essential and lifesaving grant. It allowed me to breathe for a little bit and concentrate on myself a little more rather than just keeping the wolves from the door.

I can't say enough positive things about the people involved and the Komak Foundation! They are truly good people trying to make positive changes in people's lives. I know they made a positive change in mine!

Patricia

I wish to say thank you to the lovely folks of Komak, an amazing organization that saved my son and me from losing our home.

July 2019 I was diagnosed with Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer with metastases to my spine. This is my 3rd "dance" with cancer in the past 15 years and it has left me breathless with financial worry. I had applied for Social Security, but was waiting for the paperwork and appointments to be completed before payments would be initiated. I was speaking with my oncology social worker about my situation, a single mother with no income from other sources and a teenager at home. She suggested I check out Komak who assists with short term financial needs such as mine. I applied right away and was contacted by Barrett and Rosemary. They came to my home so we could get to know each other a bit.

They were personable and kind as we reviewed my situation. Within a short time, I was notified I was to receive funds for 2 months of rent!!

I cannot tell you the amount of relief my son and I felt knowing we had a reprieve in the middle of a devastating diagnosis and prognosis.

Komak and the people who administer the assistance help those in the community facing life-altering realities. While we are dealing with the mess that cancer causes, it is amazing to know help is out there.

You make a difference in people's lives. You did for us!

The number of people needing our help is increasing each year.....Please consider a donation

Komak was founded and organized with the primary mission of providing interim financial assistance to qualified individuals with cancer in need of immediate support.