

Cancer patients at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria are eclipse-ready, with a bag of space junk, assembled by OSF Saint Francis Cancer Support Services.

Each bag contains eclipse-themed goodies, like Moon Pies, Milky Way bars and Eclipse gum. In total 85 of them will be handed out today to patients and family members, providing a bright spot during a treatment that can take its toll physically and emotionally.

“It takes their mind off of what’s going on, and that’s the main point of what we are trying to do, is show them there are people here that care for them, and that are interested in their interests. So just to take a little bit of time away from what they are currently going through so they can have a little fun,” said Jody Stoner, OSF HealthCare Advance Practice Nurse.

OSF Saint Francis Cancer Support Services is a support network for patients and family members going through cancer treatments, from those newly diagnosed through the stage of survivorship. From counseling to nutrition education, the group provides support individualized for each patient.