

## **Sister Diane Marie McGrew, O.S.F. – President, OSF HealthCare**

*Sister Diane Marie was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, stage three and uterine cancer and has gone through all the normal, "textbook" treatments, and her cancer keeps coming back. She has been diagnosed with reoccurring ovarian cancer. She has received some of her treatments through M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.*

**The Sisters have always been innovative. OSF HealthCare prides itself on being innovative. This is something new and different and exciting but for you, it has a personal reason.**

What's exciting about the Breakthrough Treatment Center is it expands it from just a single MD Anderson to not only across the country, but even potentially across the world to look at clinical trials, breakthrough treatments that can help people with reoccurring ovarian cancer where other treatments are no longer effective and new treatments can be brought here at home, I can be managed locally. And, you know, hopefully pray and continue that I get remission or the cure of the cancer. :40

**When you first heard these discussions that we could potentially do this here and bring it to the Cancer Institute, what was that like?**

*To me it was a gift from God.*

When you're out of options, you're like, Okay, I'm not sure now where to turn, but this opens up a whole new door to almost unlimited options. Because the people doing cancer research are phenomenal. I mean, there's something going on all the time. We're making new discoveries. They're tweaking things, they're helping those individuals that have uniqueness in the type of cancer they have. It takes in their other comorbidities, it takes in their own DNA, so that it really is like targeted medicine just for you that you would really have to go to some specialized center in order to even get access and to have that through our OSF Cancer Center is just - I still can't really fathom that people will have that opportunity. I will have that opportunity. 1:02

**You're a private person but yet you're talking about this. What made you decide that this was the right time to share this story?**

We've been working on the OSF Cancer Institute, the cancer center for many, many years. I think even before I probably had cancer. I felt that the time was right for me to step forward and to be a voice for others to let them know that this is real that there can be hope brought home for them. And it was just really because I felt like I understood it well enough now to understand the value and the excitement of what it can do for people that are suffering from cancer. :50

**The OSF Breakthrough Treatment Center holds a double-edge place in her heart.**

Seeing the success of this Breakthrough Treatment Center is important, of course in two ways. One because I am an executive of OSF and I want to be able to make sure that it provides the care, the compassion and the treatment that's needed by our patients when they need it most. So that success means a lot to me and then secondly, again on a personal level, you know, when my, if my treatment, current treatment plan comes to an end - I've had some bumps along the way where I thought it was at the end - I'll be in line looking for breakthrough treatment options, as well as having the option to be able to do that here in Peoria just takes a burden off of my shoulders. :59