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To speak with a Social Worker about the **Buddy Program**, call **215-955-8370**.

For more information about Oncology Patient Support Services, please visit **Jefferson.edu/CancerSupport**.

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Buddy Program

We All Need Somebody to Lean On



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The Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson's **Buddy Program** pairs you with someone who has gone through what you are going through. The same or similar diagnosis and treatment. Similar fears. Similar uncertainty.

Just give us a call and we'll sort through our more than 200 volunteer buddies to find someone who's traveled along a similar path. Someone who can give you the answers only a cancer survivor can offer. ***Is there anyone who knows what I'm going through? What is the treatment like? What is the recovery from treatment like?***

Buddies don't give medical advice. That's your doctor's job. They give *people* advice. The kind of advice that can come only from actual experience. And they'll give it in a friendly, compassionate way, calming your fears and lessening your uncertainties.

Buddy-on-the-Spot

Our Buddy program goes even further through our Buddy-on-the-Spot program. These volunteers are available to you in the radiation waiting area at the Bodine Treatment Center and in the Infusion Center at 925 Chestnut Street. Because they've gone through similar procedures, they can answer your questions, provide support and companionship and listen to your concerns.

Caregiver Buddies

A cancer diagnosis affects you, but it also impacts those who care for you and care about you. So we've created the Caregiver Buddy program to provide information and guidance to your support network. Since they've already been there, these Buddies can help those close to you understand the challenges you will face and connect with them from a place of shared experience.

The road to recovery from a cancer diagnosis can be challenging, even frightening. But we've walked that road. And we're here to walk it again, side by side with you and those you love.

Take the first step on that road today. Call **215-955-8370** and let's talk.

“**What was most helpful... knowing that I'm not fighting this battle alone.**”