



**Providing
100% donor
supported transportation**
to qualifying radiation
therapy patients to Kate
Marmion Regional
Cancer Medical
Center.



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2020 has been filled with so many unexpected events. Global pandemic, political, social, and financial challenges are facing our country. Our routines and lives have been disrupted, but health care and cancer care must continue because health issues and cancer do not stop. Thankfully, we have also witnessed countless acts of compassion and generosity, which has encouraged all of us. We have seen that these situations do not stop people from helping others.

Kate Marmion Rides to Radiation is continuing to fulfill our mission, to help alleviate financial burdens for cancer patients associated with traveling to and from their daily life-saving treatments- even during a pandemic. There is only one radiation treatment center west of San Antonio in our vast nine-county region; it still requires considerable travel time for patients to get to and from their appointments in Uvalde.

What does a gift to Kate Marmion Rides to Radiation provide? It provides free transportation to someone who is not physically able to drive to Uvalde and independence to someone that does not want to burden others. It

brings relief to family members who can continue to go to work to provide for their families. A gift offers some patients a way to get to treatment they would choose not to receive if we did not exist.

We are following the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines and doing everything in our power to care for patients safely. We know that patients depend on us and we cannot let COVID-19 cancel or delay cancer treatments.

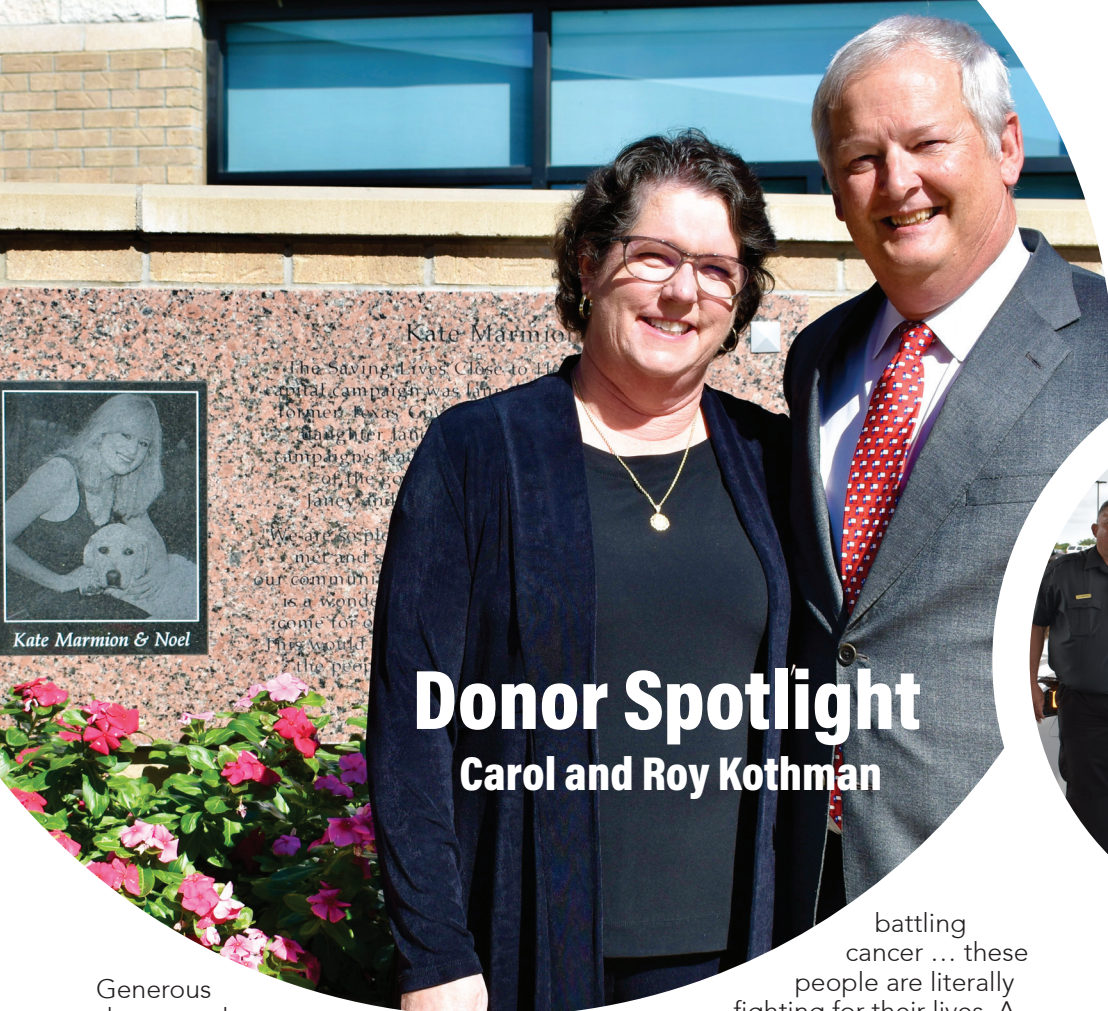
It truly is not an exaggeration when we say we could not do it without you! Please consider a generous gift to help us close out this year strong and optimize your gift for long-term success beyond 2020.

We wish you and your family and friends a joy-filled holiday season!

With gratitude,

Sheri Rutledge
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Executive Director





Donor Spotlight

Carol and Roy Kothman

Generous donors make the work of Kate Marmion Rides to Radiation possible. Without donor support, we would not exist. Donor support is incredibly powerful when combined with the role of a board member. Carol serves as Secretary and Treasurer for the foundation.

Why are you passionate about Kate Marmion Rides to Radiation?

First and foremost is Kate's memory and the desire of her grandfather Dolph Briscoe Jr. and her mother, Janey Briscoe Marmion, to make sure that her kind, caring nature was properly commemorated. Kate's friendliness and inclusive spirit called for a remembrance that could help everyone. Sadly, cancer is something that touches so many people, their families, and their friends. I see no better way to remember Kate's loving-kindness than by helping those who need it the most.

Why do you serve and support the foundation?

Rides to Radiation helps patients

battling cancer ... these people are literally fighting for their lives. A routine radiation appointment lasts less than 30 minutes, yet getting there can be a huge issue. When the foundation began, we realized that many people chose to forego treatment because of the costs and complications of travel. No one should do without life-saving treatment because of a transportation issue.

Why do you choose to give to the foundation?

The foundation's money is spent on a mission of loving-kindness that helps the "South Texas neighborhood."

What do you enjoy most about serving on the foundation's board?

It is an honor to serve on the board of such a worthwhile organization.

If you could give me one sentence about why you're connected to the foundation's mission?

We know so many people who have battled cancer, and we want everyone fighting to have the best chance for a positive outcome.

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Covid-19 Precautions for Our Patients

We follow CDC cleaning guidelines to care for our patients and van drivers because cancer treatment does not stop during a pandemic.

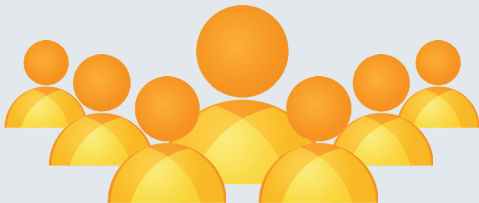
Our vans drivers are dedicated to driving regional patients to their treatments and following all the prescribed precautions. Our patients and van driver's safety and health are of great importance to us. All occupants are required to wear face masks, and the van interiors are cleaned and sanitized daily. In addition, sanitation supplies are available in each van for patient use.

Getting to your daily radiation treatments is vital, and we will continue to do our part to take exceptional care of each patient.



A retired landscaper from Eagle Pass and has been married for 26 years. Mr. Cardenas is receiving 44 radiation treatments for prostate cancer. "It is easier for me to have the van service available because if it were not, I would not be treated for my cancer. I would not risk driving myself daily for a 15-minute treatment, and I have no one that could drive me. I recommend using the vans to anyone who has to have radiation therapy because it is such a good service. The driver is a good man and communicates well about the schedule, and is nice to visit with during the drive to Uvalde. Thank you to everyone that supports this service. As patients, we are not asking for much, and being able to use the van lets us know we are not fighting cancer alone. A million thank yous!

342 People Transported to Cancer Care



Fill a Tank



It costs \$100,000 to operate Kate Marmion Rides to Radiation annually. Your gift will be used to cover fuel, maintenance, repairs, tires, and insurance for both vans; van drivers' salaries and benefits; fundraising and other administrative costs. Below are some of the ways your donation will help keep the vans on the road.

- \$20 funds 1 round trip for a patient
- \$50 funds 1 tank of gas and cost of operations of 1 van
- \$100 funds 2 tanks of gas and cost of operations of 1 van
- \$250 funds 5 tanks of gas and cost of operation of 1 van
- \$500 funds 10 tanks of gas and cost of operation of 2 vans
- \$1,000 funds the monthly fuel bill for both vans
- \$2,500 funds 2 ½ months of fuel for both vans
- \$5,000 funds 5 months of fuel for both vans
- \$10,000 runs Kate Marmion Rides to Radiation for 1 month

Filling a Tank is Helping Here and Helping Now



Staff of Clear Springs Center for Cancer Care at Kate Marmion Regional Cancer Medical Center in Uvalde are (left to right) John Lara, B.S.R.T.; Adriana Ballesteros, front desk coordinator; Charles A. Brooks, M.D., Board Certified Radiation Oncologist; Bridget Brunt, B.S.R.T.; Chelsea Lopez, LVN.

Their professional staff provides quality care to treat the entire person, not just their diagnosis. They believe that a patient's time and energy should be spent fighting cancer, not traffic jams, and scheduling problems. Learn more at www.thecentersforcancercare.com or call 830-278-6200.



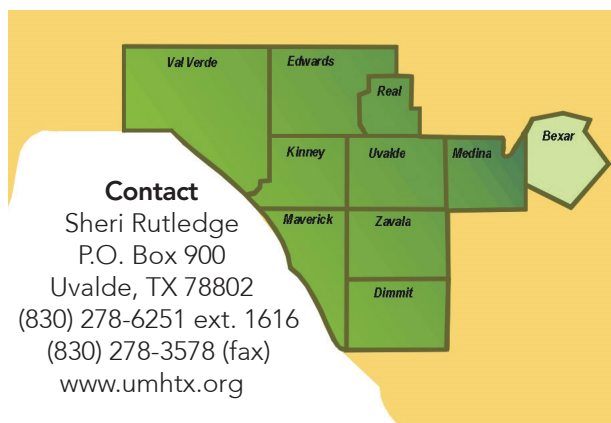
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Kate Marmion Rides to Radiation, a 501 (c) (3), was created after the close of the "Saving Lives Close to Home" capital campaign which raised over \$5 million to build Kate Marmion Regional Cancer Medical Center in Uvalde. This effort brought Clear Springs Center for Cancer Care - the first and only radiation therapy practice west of San Antonio- and expanded specialty care for the residents of our region.

Patients typically receive 30 radiation treatments delivered over six-weeks. **Our mission is to help alleviate financial burdens for patients associated with traveling to and from their daily treatments in our vast nine-county region.**

Two vans transport medically underserved, low to moderate income, insured and uninsured patients. Patients use the service if they are unable to drive themselves, have unreliable transportation, or their family members are unable to take off of work to take them to and from their treatments.

The staff of Clear Springs Center for Cancer Care lets patients know that transportation is available and they plan treatment schedules for efficiency for our drivers. The drivers are instrumental to the success of the service and they do so much more than drive. They make sure the vans are prepared for their daily trips and monitor the need for maintenance – all with a smile on their face and a compassionate and friendly attitude. Everyone has a role in making sure patients get to their treatments and on with their lives.



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