

Testimonials

I was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2018. I felt lost and in immediate defeat when I was told the news of my cancer. I thought I was not going to be able to pursue treatment due to not having medical insurance. Thankfully I was connected to Pierce County Project Access. Through them, I was able to get treatment and thanks to their help I am still standing. I am immensely thankful to their program and the providers who are donating their services through the program. The staff of Pierce County Project Access are also to be thanked. Through their guidance, support, and kindness they have helped me navigate through the medical world that can at times be intimidating and complicated for me. It is amazing and almost unreal to me how there is such a wonderful program like Pierce County Project Access.

Without any discrimination of race or religion, they have opened their doors to a huge number of diverse patients. I wish nothing but growth and prosperity to this program. I hope they may be able to expand and reach many more patients who are in immense need like I once was.

Adalberto R.
Donated Care Program

I have been a part of Project Access for many years through my work at Franciscan Health (which has now become Common Spirit after merging with Dignity Health). I am a Certified Nurse-Midwife who stopped OB practice 16 years ago to focus on caring for women through the other seasons of their lives. I provide care to women of all ages, all economic levels, and all cultures managing medical needs while responding to their emotional and spiritual needs. The women I see from Project Access

need care. Every woman who has been referred to us has needed care. Much of the time, she needed care years before she got to see us. I am sure the impact of this care has saved healthcare dollars by decreasing ER visits. The women show up for their scheduled appointments, they are respectful, and they are thankful for the listening ear knowing someone is taking action to care for their gynecological problem/s.

Serving as a referral provider for Project Access has provided me with the opportunity to care for the poor, the impact of which is humbling and soul-satisfying.

Bonnie Hill ARNP, CNM, NCMP

I am grateful for your support in covering my insurance premiums. Thanks to this, I can afford to have my annual check-ups and necessary exams. I now have the means to pay for my daily prescriptions and visit my eye doctor regularly, which I couldn't afford before. I can also ensure that my hearing aids are properly maintained by having my hearing checked regularly. This financial assistance also alleviates the strain on our family's resources. Without PCPA, I would not have access to these essential insurance benefits.

Charlena T.
Premium Assistance Program

I was relatively healthy and approaching 60 years old when I was diagnosed with several health issues. I struggled for years as my health deteriorated, and ultimately lost my business and home. Struggling like that took its toll on me. By the time I required my first surgery, I was a mental and physical wreck! I was reduced to social services to survive and was very worried about receiving and paying for medical care, as well as how I would recover and carry on. In my case, Project Access bridged this gap

and supported my healthcare insurance costs! Like my surgeon, Project Access treated me with dignity and concern, something that is no small thing when someone finds themselves lost and needing medical care. I was dumbfounded at the amount of support that was available to me- Not just with acquiring medical insurance, but the whole process of understanding options, my needs, and features of available medical policies.

PCPA has been a gift. I have managed to get direction back in my life, vastly improved my medical conditions, and have learned and understand more about my health needs. The staff at Project Access have vast knowledge and many connections in the world of social services; they are dedicated, non-judgmental, and absolute professionals in their field. In a word, my experience has left me appreciative.

Ken B.

Premium Assistance Program

I want to express my profound gratitude to PCPA for its Premium Assistance Program. Finding myself without insurance was daunting, especially with an open wound on my lower leg. The cost of medical procedures made getting treatment seem out of reach. However, with the invaluable support of Project Access, I obtained payment assistance for my premiums, and this allowed me to address my leg condition.

Then, one morning, I woke unable to put any weight on my leg. Rushed to the emergency room with a high fever, I received alarming news: a strep infection had attacked my prosthetic knee, threatening my life with sepsis. I endured two and a half weeks in the hospital, undergoing surgery to replace the plastic components of my knee and a thorough cleanout of the metal parts. Without Project Access, the ensuing medical bills from wound

care and the strep infection could have plunged me into financial ruin. Thanks to their premium assistance and insurance coverage, I was able to manage my financial responsibilities and avoid bankruptcy. I am deeply grateful for the lifeline extended to me during my time of need.

Laurie S.

Premium Assistance Program

The support from Pierce County Project Access has been a lifeline for me. It's not just about health care; it's about dignity and peace of mind. With their assistance, I can afford healthier food choices, like fresh fruits and veggies, instead of relying on cheap alternatives. I've been able to prioritize my health by getting my eyes examined and updating my prescription, a luxury I couldn't afford otherwise. But beyond the practical help, Project Access has eased my financial stress and lifted the burden of worrying about making ends meet. Their kindness and lack of judgment during enrollment meant the world to me. In a time of loss and struggle, they treated me with dignity and respect, restoring some of my lost confidence and self-respect. While my circumstances may have changed drastically, Project Access has shown me that positive change is possible with their support. I am immensely grateful for their kindness and assistance. Thank you.

Leslie R.

Donated Care Program

Before coming to Project Access, I felt utterly hopeless due to my lack of insurance. Living day-to-day without care, I couldn't imagine a future where I'd receive the treatment I needed. My pain, especially in my back and hip, made it difficult to walk, and over-the-counter medication offered little relief. When I began with Project Access, my main expectation was affordable care.

Despite knowing it would take time, I was willing to wait, having endured the pain for over two years. The encouragement and hope Project Access provided were invaluable. Once I received care, my hope was restored. Within a month of my specialty appointment, surgery was planned and coordinated. My physician's recommendation for continued physical therapy further improved my outlook. Now, as I near the end of my treatment, I feel like I've been given a second chance at life.

Project Access has had a profound impact on my life, providing support and motivation during uncertain times, especially amid the challenges of COVID-19. Knowing that organizations like Project Access exist reassures me and hope for others in similar situations. I'm immensely grateful for their assistance and consider it a true blessing.

Esperanza S.
Donated Care Program
