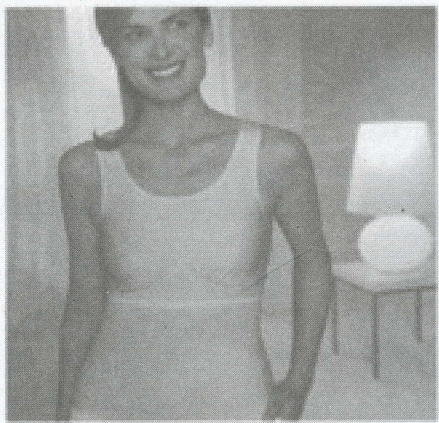


Post-Mastectomy Camisole Project

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Women with breast cancer have a new reason to smile when they visit HopeSpring!

On February 14th, Valentine's Day, the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, together with HopeSpring, launched their new Post-Mastectomy Camisole Project. With empathy and enthusiasm in their hearts, they have made it possible for each woman who has a mastectomy to be gifted with a compression camisole!



Zonta Club member, Jane Newman, learned that a private hospital in Chicago was giving a compression camisole to all women having a mastectomy resulting from breast cancer. Soon after, a close family member of Jane's was given a camisole after having her own mastectomy. Jane could see the positive affect that these camisoles had in helping women feel whole after surgery. She knew that the Zonta Club would be interested.

The Betty Thompson Golf Classic, hosted by the Zonta Club of K-W, and now in it's 19th year, raises funds for women's breast cancer and other women's health programs in the community. Some of the proceeds from the 2010 tournament were used to purchase the camisoles from Amoena Canada Inc. for distribution within the Waterloo Region.

- Pockets for convenient drainage management
- Stretch neckline for easy step-in entry
- Soft cotton & Lycra fabric for a snug but non-restrictive fit
- Smooth interior side seams for comfort against sensitive skin

Having been a sponsor for the HopeSpring Wig Boutique for several years, Zonta knew that we have regular contact with women who have breast cancer. They also know that we are able to offer women the privacy and assistance required for camisole fittings in our boutique with the support of our trained staff and volunteers. A community partnership with HopeSpring seemed to be a natural fit for the project!

The Zonta Club would like every woman having a mastectomy to receive a complimentary specialty camisole to wear immediately, or very soon after surgery. They want women to know that they are not alone on this journey.

To receive a camisole, call HopeSpring at 519-742-4673 to book an appointment.

Thanks to the generosity of the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo and those that support the Betty Thompson Golf Tournament, women with breast cancer now have another reason to smile when they walk out of the doors at HopeSpring!