

Summer greetings! As you may know, I volunteer at a special place here in Oakland, a place that means so much to me. I have volunteered as an acupuncturist and herbalist since 2005. The Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic (CMCC) provides free services to low income women with cancer. We serve women who are battling this terrible disease while living on less than \$10,000 a year. We provide compassionate hands on treatments such as acupuncture and massage, as well as social services, food, transportation and interpretation. By combining all these services under one roof, we make it more accessible for women to navigate cancer treatment, increasing their chances of completing treatment successfully. I am so proud to be a part of this important work, and I wanted to let you know that the clinic is now engaged in raising critical dollars for its spring campaign.

As the recession continues its impact has been felt at the clinic. In its 20<sup>th</sup> year, CMCC must broaden its donor base and welcome new community members to support. **Today, I ask you to join me!** We have already received a challenge grant of \$20,000 from a dedicated long term donor, and now we need your help to reach our larger goal of \$50,000. Can you help us raise the \$30,000 that we must to meet the Spring Challenge? Your support will create access and leveling the playing field for women battling cancer and poverty in our community. This year alone we expect to serve 800 women, an increase of almost 50% in our client base from 4 years ago.

As the national debate over healthcare continues to unfold, CMCC remains a model of accessible, compassionate, holistic healthcare for low-income women with cancer – women like “Anna”:

*CMCC not only helped me navigate the labyrinth of conventional cancer treatment, the clinic helped to save my sanity and my life. Each visit reminded me that I was a whole person, not an assortment of isolated body parts to be probed and studied. No where else but at CMCC could I find a place where my needs as a woman with cancer would be met in such a respectful and holistic way.*

Clients like “Anna” are why we must protect CMCC’s future – to serve and care for these most vulnerable women in our communities. ***There is no other place like the CMCC. It’s truly a remarkable model, but we need your support today to sustain it.***

In honor of CMCC’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and in honor of the women who need our services, please join the CMCC Spring Matching Challenge today. Your gift will support our program today and for the foreseeable future

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the clinic- this place that is so close to my heart. ***Please join the CMCC Spring Challenge and help us raise the \$50,000 we need today.*** Thank you!

In Gratitude,  
Susan Wallace

***P.S. To make your immediate gift today and join the CMCC Spring Challenge, donate online at [www.charlottemaxwell.org](http://www.charlottemaxwell.org).*** Thank you for