

EVONNE AMERINE VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

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Abstract: Watch this video to see how EDS employee Evonne Amerine literally saved the life of an Arkansas BreastCare client who called into the program in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Evonne Amerine: Hi. I'm Evonne Amerine, and this is my story. We're taking care of the needs of the women of Arkansas when it's related to breast and cervical cancer. We do the treatment screening and diagnosis. Thank you for calling BreastCare. "This is Evonne, may I help you?" They must be at least 40 years of age or older, have little or no insurance, and meet the income criteria. I call them young ladies, but they're 40 or over.

Nancy: Hello? This is Nancy.

Evonne: Nancy called just to enroll in the program. I had called Nancy a couple of months later to see if she had kept her mammogram appointment, and that's when she told me they had found this large cervical polyp. In the BreastCare program they must have a biopsy that says it's either breast or cervical cancer in order for them to qualify for additional treatment.

Nancy: They would pay for a biopsy, but my tumor couldn't be biopsied without being removed.

Evonne: We didn't know if it was cancerous or not. We could not guarantee them payment up front.

Nancy: So it had to be cancer for them to pay for it, and we didn't know if it was cancer or not without a biopsy, and we couldn't do the biopsy without doing the surgery first.

Evonne: I actually called the doctor that performed the initial PAP, and she confirmed. She said, "This growth is so large, if we try to biopsy, more than likely she would hemorrhage." I made some phone calls and the initial response was, you know, "If she doesn't have a pay source, BreastCare can't guarantee payment. I'm sorry, we won't be able to see her." (Sighs.)

Nancy: I was getting - you know, getting to the point where I couldn't do anything, but sleep.


Evonne: She was in so much pain. So I would think, "It's got to be someone that would be willing to see her."

Nancy: She would call me once or twice a month just to check on me. You know, she didn't quit.

Evonne: So it's week are going by that I'm making phone calls and calling her back and - then the last time I called her I said, "Well, Nancy, let's try this clinic." And she said, "Evonne, no."

Nancy: I was getting more and more depressed as the time went on, as I felt worse.

Evonne: She said, "Evonne, I really don't care if I live." I called this particular clinic and I said, "I need you - whether or not this is cancerous we don't know - but I need this surgery to be done, and I want to know if you'll



consider seeing her."

Nancy: And as soon as I got off the phone with the gynecologist I called Evonne and I said, "How did you do that?"

That day she became my guardian angel, because I know I would have died. "Dear Evonne, you saved my life so I can continue to beautify the world around me, to care for my mother, to help my brother with his business, to see my grandchildren graduate."

Evonne: "My creativity and energy levels are soaring and I work in my gardens from sunup to sundown. You are an angel to me and to my family and friends. By caring for me - "

Nancy: " - you have touched the lives of everyone who knows me with your angel wings. Thank you, Evonne, for making it possible for me to continue to be me."

Evonne: "You selflessly did whatever it takes to make me whole again, to give me my life back. You are my hero." We have women like Nancy that we help every day in our program. That's what we do every day for eight hours a day; we're helping women in the State of Arkansas by changing their lives, getting them the treatment that they need. I'm Evonne Amerine, and I do what it takes to get the job done.

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