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Caring donors help improve Patient Support Room at Mohawk Valley Radiation Medicine

Rome Memorial Hospital's Patient Support Room at Mohawk Valley Radiation Medicine (MVRM) has received a generous donation, improving an already "warm retreat for our cancer patients where they can relax and take advantage of the available resources," according to Amy Weakley, a certified medical dosimetrist and director of the cancer treatment center located in Chestnut Commons, 107 E. Chestnut St.

The Loving Lanigan Leprechauns Direct, as they prefer to be identified, gave their time, money and talents to enhance the room's decor and help display the wide variety of free wigs, scarves and turbans available to cancer patients through the Patient Support Room.

The Patient Support Room at MVRM hosts the American Cancer Society's Look Good Feel Better program, as requested by patients. Other resources include books, brochures and a computer to access information about available treatment and support mechanisms to help patients in their fight against cancer.

The "Look Good . . . Feel Better" program offers cancer patients beauty tips to help them improve their appearance and self-image. Dry skin, changes in skin tone and hair loss are some of the physical side-effects cancer patients can face while undergoing treatment. The "Look Good...Feel Better" program helps cancer patients manage these effects by providing skin care and make-up techniques, and wig, scarf, hat and turban demonstrations. Participants receive free products to help them "Look Good and Feel Better."

"For patients going through cancer, we want to provide patients with a holistic approach to treatment. The Patient Support Room helps us to address our patients' emotional needs while they are going through treatment," Weakley said.

"The display of wigs is now the first thing you see when you enter the room," Weakley said. "Our patients can easily see the whole collection, touch and try on the many styles. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Loving Lanigan Leprechauns Direct family for their support of our patients."

Opened by Rome Memorial Hospital and Board Certified Radiation Oncologist Linda Schicker, M.D., in 1997, Mohawk Valley Radiation Medicine provides radiation therapy to treat cancer patients.

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