

Almost everyone today is touched by cancer. We all have lost someone to this terrible disease.

Since 1974, the women of BPW Texas have given to M D Anderson and have contributed more than \$1,200,000.00. We were involved in lobbying the legislature for a cancer hospital in Texas, and in 1950 our State President at the time, Dora Davis, turned the first spade of dirt. We have donated for family surgical waiting rooms and doctors conference rooms. Our donations have bought wigs and books,

As the BPW/Texas President, in 1974, Chloe Monroe named the M D Anderson Fund as the State Civic Participation Fund. In 1977, by convention vote, the fund was made an on-going project for BPW/Texas. In 1980, by convention vote, the name of the fund was changed to the **Chloe Monroe MDA Fund**, in honor of past state president, Chloe Monroe.

Today, donations support annual contributions to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Center in Houston in the form of grants for research projects. Each spring the Texas BPW Foundation Executive Council tours this amazing facility and hear proposals from research doctors in need of funding. A couple of the recent grants we have given were for CXCR4, Leukemia research, Genetic testing for inherited Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndromes, and research of an old drug for women with endometrial cancer.

M D Anderson Hospital is there for all Texans. It is a marvelous facility, covering many acres in downtown Houston and employing over 20,000 doctors, nurses, and staff.

So when you see the silent auction items please remember what this is for and BID GENEROUSLY!!