

Take a Good Look

What We Do

Help cancer patients restore their outward appearance and inner self-confidence with makeover and salon services, wigs, prostheses, skin care, and other items



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Mary Moser,
manager of Missys' Mirror
(right), with cancer survivor
Marsha G. Alexander

When patients with cancer visit Missys' Mirror, they can improve the reflection in their own

A family history of breast cancer had hounded Marsha G. Alexander most of her life: Her mother and three maternal relatives developed the disease between the ages of 40 and 50. But thanks to treatment, her relatives are still living today.

Yet somehow, when Alexander was diagnosed with the same condition at age 51, she couldn't believe it.

“It stunned me terribly,” said the Lee's Summit artist and teacher, now 53. “I had several breast cysts in the past,

which were removed at Saint Luke's, and they'd always been benign. Now I was scared.”

After researching and seeking second opinions about various treatments, Alexander opted for a total mastectomy, performed by Saint Luke's surgeon John Shook, M.D. And then the hard work of recovery began, both physically and emotionally.

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The Look Nook

“I didn't get breast reconstruction and I was so self-conscious,” Alexander said.

Then she remembered hearing about Missys' Mirror.

Named in memory of Missy Newell and Missy Wilcox O'Neill— young mothers from the Greater Kansas City area who died of breast cancer—the store is a one-stop shop for patients who are often too tired or weak to go from place to place for specialized services, including fittings for prostheses, wigs, and clothing.



Everyone's Welcome

Generous donors like you help patients with cancer return to active lifestyles. All proceeds beyond operating costs cover underinsured and uninsured patients and other customers.

“These services are so important to people coming out of surgery or treatment,” said Mary Moser, store manager and a certified prosthesis fitter. “Their self-esteem is often damaged, and you can't imagine how much it helps to find products that make you feel normal again.”

How You Can Help

Your gift can support a cancer patient with financial need by providing such items as:

- \$10** a child's sun-protective hat
- \$50** a man's sun-protective shirt
- \$100** a woman's post-mastectomy swimsuit
- \$300** one breast prosthesis for an uninsured woman