## Cancer center helps patients battle back

Two years ago Novi's Kim Giroux was a personal trainer teaching people how to have a better day. Now she's a patient fighting to have another day. Giroux, along with her daughters Kathryn and Krystina, was among more than a score of cancer patients, familles, volunteers and associates on hand for the opening of the Mad the opening of the Mad Hatter Tea Party display No 12 in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers' Assarian Cancer

Hospital and Medical
Center's Assarian Cancer
Center in Novi.
The display, a collection of
teapots and "all things tea"
made in the center's ceramics
program over the past six
months, will be open to the
public 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday through Friday.
The ceramics program is
just one of more than a
dozen programs offered
through the hospital's Center
for the Healing Arts.
"Western medicine," said
Eleana M. Weissman, the
center's supervison," is about
disease. It looks at illness as a
problem that's really technidisease. It solos at illness as a
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The center opened as part
of the Assarian Cancer



Farminaton resident Edna Grainer (left), King of Hearts, and Larry Sinelly ranimposity resident calls death every, with the Gueen of Hearts Ele Weissman, Supervisor of the Center for the Healing Arts in the Cancer Center at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers in Novi.

Center in 1999. The following year, Giroux discovered she had cancer.

It didn't come as a total surprise. Both sides of her family have a history of cancer. You can't beat genetics, she said. Still, the news came hard. 'I'm only 43, said Grioux, "When they tell you you have cancer it's very dewastating. Weissman said that's why there is a need for someplace like the Healing Arts Center. 'We need to address all the needs of a person. That means offered everything from art and pottery chasses to prayer and meditation. "My kids have been seeing a social worker, 'said Grioux, added,' They love coming here for the pottery classes. Giroux recently switched her primary care from Providence to the Karmanos Cancer Institute in order to take advantage of a bone marrow transplant technique not available through Providence. However Giroux and her daughters still come to the Healing Arts Center. "While the doctors try to uplift you.' The people here try to uplift you.' She said. When physicians told David Miller, who was already suffering from heart disease, that he had bladder cancer, 'I real ly freaked out."

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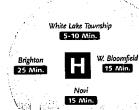


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