

Chapin Woman's Club distribute 'White Bags of Courage' to cancer patients



Susie Taffoni greets patient, Michael Evans, with his wife Caro by his side.



Susie Taffoni, Nicole Snider, Mary Slade, and Chris Woodworth with the White Bags of Courage.

Each year for the past three years, Chapin Woman's Club has collected items from members for *White Bags of Courage* to distribute to cancer patients at South Carolina Oncology Associates (SCOA) in downtown Columbia off of Greystone.

The bags contained water, snacks, inspirational quotes, and even some blankets. This year was particularly gratifying because members delivering the bags were able to have face to face contact and interactions with patients receiving chemotherapy and battling cancer at SCOA.

When members Susie Taffoni, chair, Mary Slade, First Vice President, and Chris Woodworth, President-Elect arrived at SCOA with 24 bags, they were greeted by Nicole Snider who is the head of the Social Service Department there.

The bags were placed onto wheelchairs and carted around the chemo room where we distributed and interacted with appreciative cancer patients. For many, this was their second battle for life.

All three of us have had first hand experience with cancer. One as an oncology nurse and the other two as cancer survivors. We know first hand what this experience is like and we were proud to represent our club this past January 31, 2018 and meet just some of these brave souls.