



Who We Are

Southeast Colorado Cancer Initiative (SECCI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in August 2001 by cancer survivors and dedicated community members. Today, SECCI serves residents of Prowers, Baca, Bent, and Kiowa Counties with a mission to provide a welcoming environment for individuals affected by cancer while advancing awareness and support services across Southeast Colorado. Through community collaboration, resource sharing, and financial assistance, SECCI strives to ease the burdens that often accompany a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

How We Help

Resource Sharing - SECCI connects patients and their families with available resources throughout Southeast Colorado and beyond, including early detection screenings, mental health and counseling services, healthcare providers, and grief support programs. By helping patients identify available services, SECCI encourages informed decision-making and access to the support they need throughout their cancer journey.

Community Support - A cancer diagnosis affects far more than the patient alone. SECCI works to foster a welcoming and compassionate community where patients, survivors, caregivers, and families can find encouragement, connection, and hope. Through community events, outreach, and volunteer support, we strive to remind those facing cancer that they are never alone.

Financial Assistance - Cancer treatment often requires frequent travel for oncology appointments and specialized care, creating expenses that are rarely covered by insurance. SECCI helps reduce that financial burden through three assistance programs:

- **Emergency Funding** - Approved applicants may receive a one-time emergency distribution of up to \$250, following Board review and approval.
- **Fuel Fill-Up** - Approved applicants or their designated personal representatives may receive fuel at Wallace Gas & Oil in Lamar to assist with travel to out-of-town oncology appointments and treatments.
- **Receipt Reimbursement** - Approved applicants or their designated personal representatives may submit eligible fuel receipts for reimbursement following travel from out-of-town oncology appointments and treatments.

Serving Southeast Colorado

Southeast Colorado has always been a community that comes together to help neighbors in times of need, and SECCI is proud to carry that tradition forward. Our work is made possible entirely through the generosity of local individuals, businesses, organizations, and community fundraising events. Since our founding, SECCI has distributed more than \$200,000 in financial assistance to local cancer patients. We recognize that many worthy organizations rely on community support, and we are grateful for every contribution that allows us to continue easing the financial burden of cancer treatment for patients and families throughout Southeast Colorado.

