

## Cleaning service for cancer victims

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Fighting cancer is an arduous battle, and a national non-profit organization founded by a local woman is doing what they can to help women undergoing cancer treatments get some help any woman would appreciate. Cleaning for A Reason is providing free, professional housecleaning services for any women in treatment for cancer, and this year alone, over 638,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with some form of that disease, according to Double Oak Mayor Pam King, who also serves as the director of public relations for Cleaning For a Reason.

King says their foundation is trying to accomplish two goals right now in their second year of existence. They are trying to raise money to provide more help for more women everywhere, and they are also trying to get the word out so that women with cancer will be able to contact them to get the practical help Cleaning For A Reason offers. Deborah Sardone, a 26 year veteran of the housecleaning industry and owner of Buckets & Bows Maid Service in Lewisville, is the founder of this unique organization that provides a once a month free cleaning to any women undergoing cancer treatment. "You can't measure the results of these cleanings for women facing one of life's most difficult challenges. What we DO know is it helps women feel better about their homes and themselves, and you can't put a price on that," says Sardone.

This group started in Denton County, but has spread nationwide. "It did start here," says King, "but the seeds have now been planted across the country." Sardone's foundation delivers their services through the hundreds of professional residential housecleaning businesses nationwide that serve as "Chapters." King says, as more money is raised, more and more benevolent cleanings can be provided to more women suffering from cancer. "It's one less thing they have to worry about," says King, who noted that many women feel embarrassed to have their friends come in and scrub their toilets and do other necessary cleaning. Since Cleaning for A Reason provides a professional service, women don't have to feel like they are imposing on their friends and loved ones to provide some much needed help.

This year alone, says King, Cleaning For A Reason has provided a minimum of three free house cleanings to over 250 ill women. This has been accomplished not only through the Lewisville chapter, but through the 200 plus partners now located in 31 states. All partners do at least two cleanings a month, and Sardone's business, Buckets And Bows, has been doing four donated cleanings per month. Sardone was featured earlier this week on a Channel Four News series called Hometown Heroes.

If you are a woman with cancer or know a woman undergoing treatment for cancer that might benefit from these services, an application may be completed and submitted directly to the Foundation on line through the website [www.cleaningforareason.org](http://www.cleaningforareason.org) or by calling toll free 877-337-3348.

The foundation would also like to ask local businesses to consider some much needed financial support. Any monetary contribution is tax deductible and enables them to reach more women, one home at a time. "Women don't really rest until their home is clean," says King.



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