



Casting for Recovery

Empowering Breast Cancer Survivors



Every fall, a unique gathering of women and their guides arrive at a special fishing stream or lake in Northern New Mexico. Last September, the special lakes chosen were on two ranch properties in Black Lake.

With the help of a \$6,000 matching grant from the Jeffrey Loving Memorial through the Angel Fire Community Foundation, Casting for Recovery was able to host a long weekend of board and room, transportation, fly fishing guides and equipment for 13 northern New Mexico women and one from west Texas afflicted with breast cancer.

Casting for Recovery, founded in 1996 in Manchester, VT, and its New Mexico branch sponsored the retreat. A team of New Mexico volunteers, including state co-director Lisa Sutton of Angel Fire, worked at fundraising to provide the weekend at no charge.

The healing retreat revolves around fly fishing... and more. Counseling and medical information is available as well as a chance for women to share their experiences on their journey to recovery.

As one participant described, "Being diagnosed with cancer is like waking up in your own personal horror movie. Thankfully with organizations like Casting for Recovery and the wonderful people that are involved, there are true blessings that appear out of the darkness."

Co-director Lisa Sutton summed up the retreat as follows, "Our lives through the year can be very driven and busy but this one event always seems to take me back down to what is real in this world and that we are all here for just one moment in time. These ladies although they have been through great strife and personal sacrifice have the most joy and spirit about them of anyone I have met, they are strong and fierce and I ALWAYS walk away from the retreat renewed and inspired. I always feel that we tried to teach them the art and joy of fishing but they always teach us the greatest lessons in life."

The Jeffrey Loving Memorial and the Angel Fire Community Foundation are pleased to have helped fund and be a part of such a wonderful, healing event. For more information about the Foundation, please see the accompanying descriptions below, or go to:

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