

CANCER SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

The purpose of the CATALYST Cancer Survivor Support Group is to provide support and encouragement for those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Members of the group receive educational as well as spiritual support from other members and community partners. Confidentiality is provided so that people have a “safe place” to express their feelings.

The Support Group meets monthly on the second Monday of each month in the Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church Family Life Center.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.: Survivors meet
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Survivors and Supporters meet

For more information regarding the Survivor Support Group contact Barbara E. Jackson at (717)221-1014 or Claudette Johnson at (717)238-3272.

Remember that you are not alone...God and we are here for you!



CANCER AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

January
Health Promotion

February
Loving Souls and Sweethearts, Cancer Education Workshop and Luncheon

April
Minority Cancer Awareness Month

May
Mammogram Awareness Promotion
National Skin Cancer Awareness Month

June
National Cancer Survivor's Day Celebration

July
Health Promotion

September
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Health Promotion/Light the Night
Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month

October
Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Central Pennsylvania Coalition United to Fight Cancer



CATALYST

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MISSION

To improve the cancer survival rates of ethnic and minority persons in Central Pennsylvania, Statewide and nationally.

The initial focus of CATALYST has been on breast, cervical, and prostate cancers. However, other cancers and cancer-related issues are being addressed. We promote the benefits of early detection by using culturally sensitive approaches in education.

The mission is accomplished by:

- Presenting educational programs, workshops, and seminars within the community.
- Distributing cancer awareness educational material at diverse community events.
- Networking with health care providers and community organizations.
- Promoting media campaigns.
- Assisting with screening opportunities in conjunction with providers.
- Uniting persons and organizations to address the unique health issues of minorities.
- Fostering the CATALYST Cancer Survivors Support Group.
- Linking survivors with other appropriate resources.

HISTORY

In 1996, Barbara E. Jackson, R.N., of the Healthy Woman Project recognized the need to promote early cancer detection in the minority communities of Harrisburg and the Capital Region. With the assistance of other affiliations, CATALYST was created to spread the message that education, prevention, and early detection can save lives.

Today, CATALYST is a community-based organization in partnership with area churches, civic affiliations, and local health care organizations. Members remain united and committed to preventing the devastating effects of cancer in both Central Pennsylvania and Statewide.

In the future, CATALYST would like to grow to become a nationwide organization, promoting a better quality of life to all minority populations.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Hospice of Central Pennsylvania
American Cancer Society
Civic Organizations
Community Churches
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,
Harrisburg Chapter
National Cancer Institute,
Cancer Information Service
Pennsylvania Department of Health
The Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Pinnacle Health System
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Central Pennsylvania Chapter
Public Health and Faith Partnership of Greater Harrisburg
Emory University

MEETING TIME

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MEETING PLACE

Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church
Family Life Center
2430 Third Street (rear entrance)
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