

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.

For more information regarding the Survivor Support Group contact:

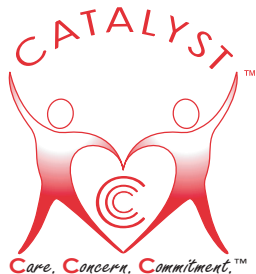
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Remember that you are not alone ...
God and we are here for you!

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CANCER AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

January
Health Promotion

February
Annual Loving Souls and Sweethearts
Cancer Education Workshops 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

October
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Health Promotion

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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 materials 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 the Pennsylvania Department of Health, 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

- American Cancer Society
- Civic Organizations
- Community Churches
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Harrisburg Chapter
- Hospice of Central Pennsylvania
- National Cancer Institute
- PinnacleHealth System
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Central Pennsylvania Chapter
- The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

MEETING TIME

CATALYST meets the second Monday of each month
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: Survivors meet
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.: Survivors and Supporters meet

MEETING PLACE

Giant Super Food Store
(Effective March 2011)

Community Room

2nd Floor

2300 Linglestown Road

Harrisburg, PA 17110

(use stairway/elevator near Marketplace Café)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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