

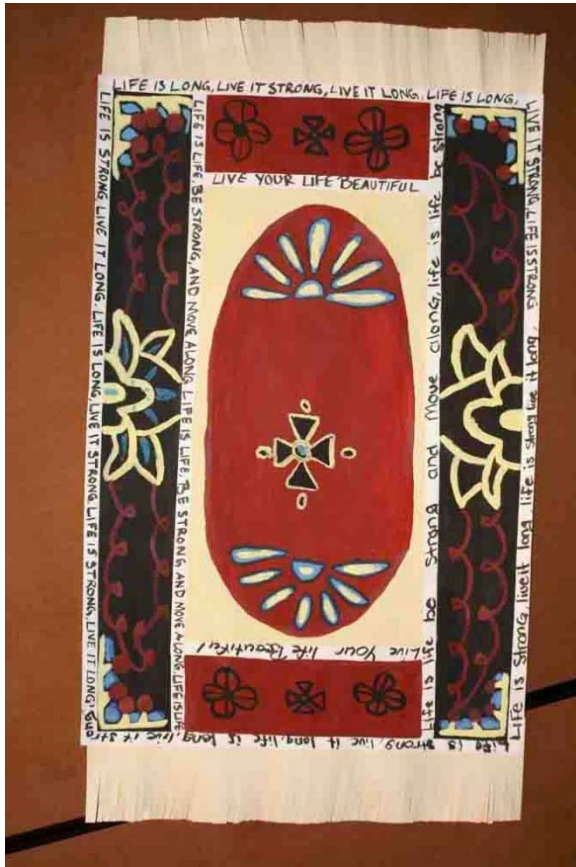
Survivor & Family Issues

Transforming pain into passion

Update

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Mission



The mission of the Survivor and Family Issues Task Force is to enhance access to treatment and increase the decision-making capacity and quality of life of cancer survivors and co-survivors throughout all phases of the cancer experience.

~ “Magic Carpet” created by student at Beaufort County School for 2008 Living with and Beyond Cancer” ~

Survivor and Family Issues

Cancer Plan Goals (Updated)

- ❖ **Goal 1:** To increase the number of individuals who, when diagnosed with cancer, seek and receive timely, high quality and compassionate medical treatment
- ❖ **Goal 2:** To improve access to information and resources that will encourage the seeking of and follow-through with treatment and enhance the decision-making abilities of cancer patients and their families
- ❖ **Goal 3:** To improve access to information and resources that address the psychological and emotional aspects of cancer and provide assistance with the long-term, quality of life issues of cancer survivors and their caregivers
- ❖ **Goal 4:** To increase community and professional awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of cancer survivors and the spectrum of issues related to survivorship

Ensuring Access to Medical System

Goal 1

To increase the number of individuals who, when diagnosed with cancer, seek and receive timely, high quality and compassionate medical treatment

Project:

State-wide
Patient Navigator Network

Elements:

Multi-tiered
Use of Best Practices model
Standardized training curriculum
Credentialing Process
Coordination of services

Patient Navigator Network

Purpose

Provide Patient Navigation Training to professionals and lay individuals in South Carolina

Importance

- History, value and benefits of trained navigators
- Quality of care standards supported and sponsored by SCCA
- Decreased missed appointments increased staff productivity
- Improvement of patient outcomes and satisfaction of care
- Decrease in Health disparities
- Provide a beacon of hope in a time of need

Facilitating Access to Information and Resources

- **Goal 2:** To improve access to information and resources that will encourage the seeking of and follow-through with treatment and enhance the decision-making abilities of cancer patients and their families

Project
Family Resource Guide

Elements

Unique
Standardized
Easily used
Inclusive
Easily updated

Family Resource Guide

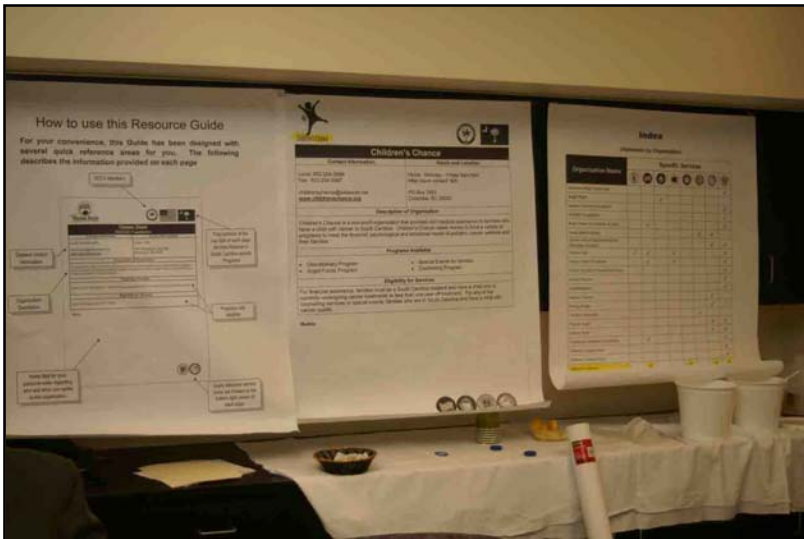
- Unique, user-friendly, easily distributable family resource guide that has been eagerly accepted by *families, medical providers* and *support agencies* across the state.
- The guide design intent:
 - Standardized the information provided to patients and families
 - Decreased the amount of staff time required to maintain resource information
 - Created the network of providers that will be essential in ensuring the guide remains up-to-date and relevant to patients' needs
 - Launch in manual form, now web accessible, soon to have streaming video



Family Resource Guide



- Increased the awareness of the human side of pediatric cancer both among medical providers and the general community.
- As a result, the SCCA has become widely known and regarded as a leader in addressing the needs of cancer patients across the state;
- The Guide offers:
 - long-term plan for up-dating the guide
 - evaluating its impact and efforts to provide information to patients in unique and easily-accessed forms
 - utilized the problem-focused outlines, measurement tools and best practice to help with other Task Force projects such as the Adult Resource Guide.



Adult Resource Guide

Topic Areas

Legal Assistance	Prescription Assistance	Financial Assistance
Symptom Management	Treatment Options	Travel & Lodging
CAM & Healing Arts	Quality of Life Programs	Food & Nutrition
Spiritual & Emotional Support	Cancer Education	Patient Advocacy

Enhancing Quality of Life of Survivors

Goal 3: To improve access to information and resources which address the psychological and emotional aspects of cancer and provide assistance with the long-term, quality of life issues of cancer survivors and their caregivers

Project
Survivorship Conference

Elements

Practical
Experiential
Informative
Blends diverse groups

Recognizing Leaders in Survivorship



Caregiver Hero Award : Janine Bryan ...for her contribution to pediatric cancer awareness through her book: Holding on to Matthew.

Courage & Empowerment Award: Janet Rigdon ... for her work with ovarian cancer patients through the SC Ovarian Cancer Foundation

Caring & Sharing Award: Kathryn Smith ... for her service to cancer patients through the Cancer Association of Anderson



Belly dancers from Layali Layla and Keynote speaker, humorist Dan Shapiro, reminded survivors to

enjoy the journey.

Recognition of Long-term Survivorship Needs

Goal 4: To increase community and professional awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of cancer survivors and the spectrum of issues related to survivorship

Media Relations

- Promotion of the televised documentary on Pediatric Cancer – “Lion in the House” (2007)
- Development of PSAs & webcasts

Survivor Support

- Promotion of Survivorship Care Plan
- Education of families, medical providers and legislators on the long-term impact of cancer

We encourage any individuals or other task forces, interested in these or related topics, to join with us in expanding services to cancer survivors and their families.

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