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With the new Georgia Cancer Survivorship Connection will come a new look for GeorgiaCancerInfo.org. Coming soon to a computer, tablet or smartphone near you!



CANCER SURVIVORSHIP CONNECTION
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GeorgiaCancerInfo.org to house new portal dedicated to survivorship

By late summer, Georgia's cancer survivors, caregivers and healthcare professionals will have an interactive center for all things related to being and caring for a cancer survivor. The new Cancer Survivorship Connection is an Internet portal that will be housed on GeorgiaCancerInfo.org and completely dedicated to survivorship. Funded by a grant given to Georgia CORE by **Tom and Karen Chapman**, the site will be a place to get information and resources and connect with other survivors.

"The Cancer Survivorship Connection is a unique, high-quality and impactful interactive online cancer survivorship information center," said Georgia CORE vice president and cancer survivor Angie Patterson. "With more than a dozen survivors and professionals on the project Advisory Board, there has been much time, thought and effort put into the site, and we are so grateful to each and every person that has been involved with its creation." [Read more](#)

State of Georgia increases Georgia CORE funding

On March 3, Georgia CORE staffers visited with select legislators at the capitol where they hosted an informational booth and were recognized on the House floor as the day was proclaimed "Georgia CORE Day." Days later, Georgia CORE officials learned that the General Assembly approved a \$500,000 budget appropriation for the upcoming fiscal year, which nearly doubles the \$275,000 annual appropriation the organization received the previous fiscal year.

"Our recognition at the Capitol, coupled with the state's increase of our appropriation is a fantastic endorsement by Georgia's leadership," said Nancy Paris, Georgia CORE president. "Thanks to elected officials from around the state, strategic investments in cancer initiatives is an important priority and

CORE affiliates place high on Georgia Quality Honor Roll

Several Georgia CORE affiliates have been named to the Georgia Hospital Association's Partnership for Health and Accountability Core Measures Honor Roll. **Northside Medical Center's** three hospitals, three of **Emory University's hospitals** and **St. Joseph's Hospital** are among 25 Georgia hospitals to be placed in the Chairman's category, the highest on the list. The Honor Roll is based on clinical data provided by the federal Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS), which administers the nation's Medicare and Medicaid programs. The full list can be found [here](#).

"We are so very proud of all the Georgia CORE affiliates that were named to the Georgia Hospital Association's Honor Roll," said Georgia CORE president Nancy Paris. "This recognition is a tribute to each and every employee of these institutions, many of which are dedicated to make quality cancer care excellent cancer care." [Read more](#)

CORE Bits

Applications are being accepted for the third annual **Matt Mumber, MD Visionary Award** to recognize a Georgia resident, program or organization that has demonstrated an appreciation of the essential role of cancer patient navigators. Applications for the award, which includes a \$2,000 grant co-sponsored by GASCO and Georgia CORE, are due by

has led to Georgia's emergence as a national leader in research with an unparalleled network of cancer centers."

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18

7th Biennial Cancer
Survivorship Research
Conference
Atlanta

June 18

The LIVESTRONG Essential
Elements of Survivorship Care
Pre-Conference Workshop
Atlanta

June 19

Morehouse School of Medicine
and Pfizer Present the Diversity
in Clinical Trials Forum
Atlanta

June 21

Winship Cancer Institute 2014
Celebration of Living
Atlanta

June 25

2nd Annual Sarcoma Awareness
Sunset Stroll
Atlanta

Please visit the [Georgia CORE events](#) listing for more information.

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July 30, 2014. Contact [Angie Patterson](#) for the submission criteria and application.

Emory University is conducting a clinical trial to help determine if massage and touch therapies reduce fatigue due to cancer. Massage therapy has well known health benefits; the study explores if these therapies are better than traditional medicine or psychology for cancer fatigue. For more information, please call 404-778-2497 or email Sherry Edwards at saedwar@emory.edu.

Please join the Atlanta Braves for the **Annual Braves Prostate Cancer Awareness Day** on Sunday, June 15 when the Braves host the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at 8:10 p.m. at Turner Field. The celebration of survivorship honors those who have courageously battled prostate cancer, and raises awareness and funds to support research, education and advocacy for cancer patients and their families throughout metro Atlanta.

Georgia CORE's television commercial created by **Jackson Spalding** in 2013 won the Award of Distinction in the 2014 Communicator Awards for commercial in the not-for-profit category. Read about the survivor featured in the commercial, Sam Murphy, at www.GeorgiaCancerInfo.org.

Northside Cancer Institute recently received two grants - one for



breast care services and another for transportation services for patients with colon cancer. Pictured is Northside's ScreenAtlanta van, one of several Northside locations where the grant-funded services can be received.

In May, **Piedmont Cancer Wellness** opened its doors at Piedmont Healthcare's Newnan facility. The wellness center was funded by Tom and Karen Chapman, who've also donated generously to Georgia CORE (*please see survivorship portal story above*).

Georgia CORE is an independent nonprofit that generates collaborative resources for cancer prevention, care, research and education. Funded by government and foundation grants, research contracts, sponsorships and private contributions, Georgia CORE fosters collaboration toward better cancer care and faster answers. Its flagship initiative is GeorgiaCancerInfo.org, the first statewide online cancer information center.

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