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### Four Georgia hospitals to be awarded the CoC Outstanding Achievement Award

Four Georgia cancer centers will receive the 2013 Commission on Cancer (CoC) Outstanding Achievement Award: **Grady Memorial Hospital** and **Northside Hospital** in Atlanta; **DeKalb Medical** in Decatur; and **WellStar Health System, Inc.** in Marietta. "This year's award was given to only 74 cancer programs throughout the U.S., so we are especially proud to have four of the honored hospitals here in Georgia," said Nancy Paris, president & CEO of Georgia CORE. [Read more](#)

### Dr. Roland Matthews receives Grady's Inspiring Mentor Award

On March 14, Georgia CORE Board member Roland Matthews, MD was awarded the Inspiring Mentor Award by the **Grady Health Foundation** at its Fourth Annual White Coat Grady Gala. Dr. Matthews joined three other doctors in being honored at the gala, which is also the foundation's signature fundraising event.



"I am esteemed to be recognized along with these amazing colleagues, all of whom share my desire to see life as a teaching moment and to pass on the right lesson," said Dr. Matthews. [Read more](#)

### Breast cancer license tags now fund genetic testing

In March, Georgia CORE staffers visited with select legislators during the **General Assembly** to share the accomplishments of Georgia's breast cancer license tag program. For each breast cancer license tag purchased or renewed from the Georgia Department of Revenue, \$22 goes to pay for screenings, genetic testing, education and treatment for Georgians without insurance that are also below the poverty level.



"In 2003, we passed legislation to sell breast cancer license tags and expand breast cancer services for women in need," said Sen. Renee Unterman. "In 2013 alone, nearly \$1.1 million from the proceeds was used by 16 community organizations across the state to provide these services," she added. [Read more](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15  
John B. Amos Cancer Center  
Lectureship Series  
*Columbus*  
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

June 12  
National Coalition of Oncology Nurse Navigators 2014 Annual Conference

### CORE Bits

*Atlanta*  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

June 18  
7th Biennial Cancer Survivorship  
Research Conference  
*Atlanta*

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

**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](http://GeorgiaCancerInfo.org), the first statewide online cancer information center.

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**Floyd Medical Center** and **St. Joseph's/Candler** are grant winners of the 2014 LIVESTRONG Foundation's VitalHearts program. The two hospitals each won a grant through the foundation's Community Impact Project to establish programs that provide emotional, physical and practical support to cancer patients, caregivers and loved ones. Congratulations!

The **LIVESTRONG Foundation** will hold a pre-conference workshop before the Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference in Atlanta on June 18, 2014. The workshop is designed to provide clinicians and program managers the knowledge and tools to develop sustainable cancer survivorship programs, and will focus on patient-centered care. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Georgia CORE's president **Nancy M. Paris**, MS, FACHE recently presented on Health Equity in Cancer Care at the American College of Healthcare Executives meeting in Chicago. She was able to highlight some of the important work going on in Georgia to reduce cancer-related health disparities in our state.

Paris joined Ruth O'Regan, MD, associate professor of Hematology and Medical Oncology at the **Winship Cancer Institute**, to co-author a poster presented at the first-ever NCI/ASCO Clinical Trials Symposium. Their study concluded that Georgia's network of community and academic oncologists has increased access to clinical trials statewide, conducted cooperative group and phase II trials, activated trials in geographically disbursed sites and accrued 56 percent minority patients to Georgia CORE's investigator initiated breast cancer trials, for which Dr. O'Regan serves as Principal Investigator.

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