

Legacy Class 36 "The Up-Lifters"



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Purpose




The Cancer Wellness Foundation of Central Alabama is a LOCAL cancer foundation helping LOCAL cancer patients.



Transportation

We help patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation with transportation to and from treatment.



Medication

We connect cancer patients to free or low cost medication.



Carol Gunter,
Executive Director



Approximately 2,000 people annually in the Central Alabama Area are diagnosed with Cancer and will begin treatment at Tri-County facilities. During that period, cancer patients are beginning to focus on one thing, survival. They also need the comforts of knowing that their community stands with them during this trying period in their lives.

Our team's goal is to provide these patients with "Comfort Bags" for newly diagnosed individuals and provide them with some basic needs they will require for treatment. These items include Water Bottles, Face Mask, Pill Boxes, Socks, Thermometers, etc....



- Multiple Support Drives are initiated throughout the Tri-County Area related to the Cancer Center
 - Locating donors who have not already committed to support of the Cancer Center's activities in 2nd half of 2019
 - Corporate contributions had to be secured in the next budget year for many donors
- Communication with the Cancer Center Foundation during the project time frame
 - The Point of Contact (Director) changed during the period
 - COVID 19 Shelter in Place Orders interrupted efforts for the delivery of items
 - Repurposing of items to those in greater need
- Coordination of Team Efforts
 - Team has a very Diverse professional background which requires different work times
 - Use of various communications methods (email, apps, monthly Leadership meetings, etc...)



- Support of individuals undergoing Cancer Treatments
 - Give Support/Hope to those who are beginning treatments
 - Reduce the Out of Pocket Costs for both the patient and the Foundation
 - Provide basic items of needs to patients
- Provide the Cancer Center Foundation an Additional Low Cost Resource
 - Project Team added the value of additional Headcount without increasing the Costs
 - Diverse background of the Project Team allowed outreach efforts to move in multiple areas
 - Allow the foundation to focus their efforts on other important issues

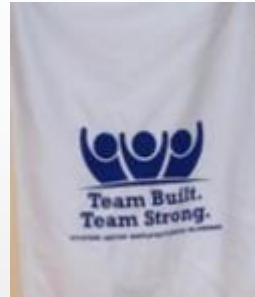
Donations & Sponsors



Pill Boxes



1,000 Chapstick's



Cooling Towels



DOING THE MOST GOOD



Socks



Awareness

Hard Candy



Pens

Blankets

Testimonials



"As a former patient of the Montgomery Cancer Center, I understand the unique needs of someone newly diagnosed. In 1998, I was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia, which is why this project is so important to me. The cost of the items in the chemo care bag are minimal, but the value is priceless. A thermometer, which comes in each bag, can be life changing to a chemo patient because of the increased risk of infection. I am honored to be a part of this project as a survivor and advocate for cancer patients."

Danielle Rogers

No one should have to hear those 3 words – you have cancer - and when you do, your world turns upside down. I chose this project because The Cancer Wellness Foundation is a local foundation, helping local patients fight this disease and makes sure each patient knows they are not alone in their fight.

Laura Chambliss

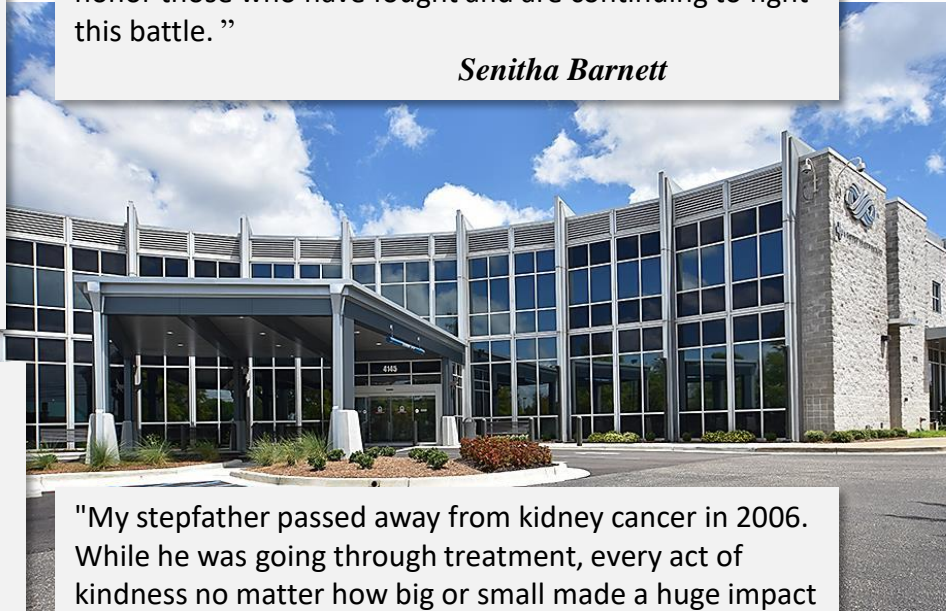


"I selected this project because I felt a need to understand better the challenges people are facing in our community when it comes to fighting cancer."

Mitch Stroud

"Cancer is a terrible disease that affects so many. I have seen the hurt and need that cancer produces. I wanted to lend my support to the Cancer Wellness Foundation to honor those who have fought and are continuing to fight this battle."

Senitha Barnett



"My stepfather passed away from kidney cancer in 2006. While he was going through treatment, every act of kindness no matter how big or small made a huge impact on him and my family. I wanted to be a part of the Cancer Wellness Foundation project to help give that little bit of comfort to others walking a similar path."

Ellis Eskew

I encountered cancer firsthand going into my senior year of high school. My mother was diagnosed with one of the fastest-growing forms of cancer, and the doctor told her that she was fortunate to have noticed it early. Within a matter of weeks, she went from this energetic, bubbly do it all person to being weak and not knowing how much longer she would live. It was one of the hardest and saddest times of my life as I watched her war and suffered through chemo and radiation treatments. Little did I know then that she and our family would have to revisit those feelings again for a period as my mother went through three more battles with cancer.

My father was a mountain of a man, and after struggling with my mother through four battles with cancer, also contracted this horrific disease. His struggle started with prostate cancer, spread to lung cancer, and quickly stripped him of strength. My father lost his bout with cancer on February 14, 2014, the saddest day of my life.

To date, my mother has experienced the loss of both her father and her husband to cancer. She has battled cancer in both breast, and Axillary lymph nodes under both arms. My mother now lives with my brother with several side effects of the chemo and radiation treatments like nerve damage and some kidney problems. However, at 87, she is still alive and wearing her victory story well.

Bryan Farrington

Beneficiaries of our Project



Did you know: a donation of \$10 covers the entire cost of one Chemo Comfort Care Bag for a cancer patient?

Did you also know: 30-40 patients are diagnosed with cancer each week on average? And, we provide a bag for each one.

During this time of the COVID-19 crisis, we're only able to accept monetary donations for our care bags, and we're running low on many supplies.

