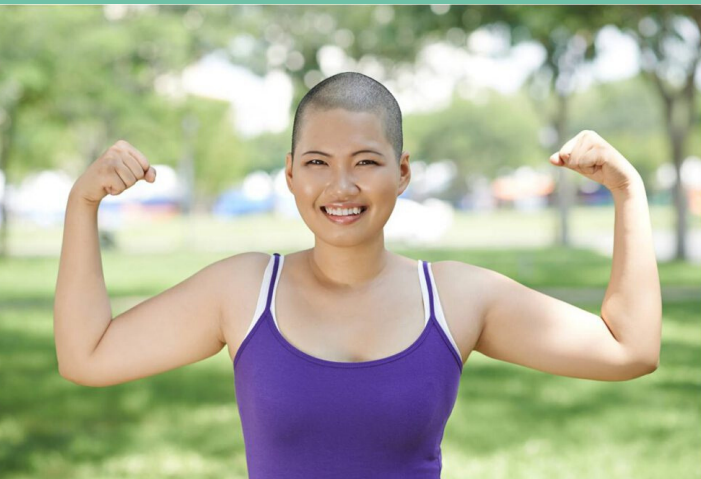


Shining the Light on the Dark Side of Cancer Survival

Transitioning from a newly diagnosed patient to a thriving survivor is a complex process, and the physical and emotional effects of cancer may become apparent years after the initial diagnosis, treatments and surgeries. Patients reportedly experience feelings of fear, distress, anxiety, suicidal ideation and loneliness even when they are surrounded by their loved ones. According to the Journal of Clinical Oncology, patients have an overall suicide risk that is as high as 13 times that of the general population and is most common within the first three months of diagnosis.

Emotional support interventions have been demonstrated to, not only improve the quality of life of patients, but also significantly reduce risks of recurrence, mortality, depressive symptoms and increase physical functioning.

With cancer survival on the rise, Cancer Kinship is committed to providing the support needed to help cancer patients successfully transition into thriving cancer survivors.



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**Cancer is scary.
Your life doesn't have to be.**



Cancer Kinship™
Braving the Storm Together

OUR MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to empower cancer patients to confidently face the disease through peer mentorship, individualized and group support, survivor education and socialization provided by caring and compassionate volunteers and staff. Our long-term vision is a community where anyone affected by cancer – no matter where they stand in their journey – are able to **brave the storm together**, confidently and fearlessly.

Cancer Kinship aims to address the emotional and psychosocial impact of cancer, for a growing vulnerable population, as an upstream approach to reduce cancer recurrence risks while improving the quality of life for cancer patients and survivors. Our programs provide a safe space and empowering activities that promote healthy behaviors and opportunities for human connections that inspire hope, while alleviating emotional distress often experienced by cancer patients.



OUR LEADERSHIP

Cancer Kinship was founded by Yoli Origel, a 12-year stage 3 breast cancer survivor with more than 25 years of professional nonprofit experience. She is currently serving as Executive Director. Our Peer Mentorship & Education Programs are managed by AmeriCorps Fellow & cancer survivor, Wendy Moulton-Tate.

A diverse 10-member Executive Advisory Council, comprised of healthcare, community, corporate and nonprofit leaders, serve as ambassadors and provide support through community awareness and philanthropic activities. They also provide expertise in health care, cancer survivorship, legal, business development, fundraising and finance to help advance our mission.

Cancer Kinship engages skills-based volunteers who generously donate their time, skills and talents. To date, we have engaged more than 80 volunteers who have served more than 2,500 hours.

Our Core Program Areas

PEER MENTORSHIP FOR NEWLY DIAGNOSED PATIENTS

"Cancer Connections," is an individualized Peer Mentorship Program that provides hope and encouragement, reduces patient isolation and promotes a sense of belonging by pairing newly diagnosed cancer patients with survivor mentors for one-on-one emotional and psychosocial support.

SURVIVORSHIP EMPOWERMENT & EDUCATION

Participants are provided with practical knowledge and skills to help them cope, adjust and navigate their "new normal" lives as survivors. Includes wellness action-planning, goal-setting and personalized accountability support. Education will be provided in the form of relevant workshops that will empower participants to reach their wellness goals.

SOCIALIZATION & SUPPORT GROUPS

Participants will engage in activities that promote healthy behaviors and provide healthy outlets and socialization in safe, non-clinical settings. Participants can have fun while maintaining active lifestyles. Support groups will be peer led, with an emphasis on personal storytelling and mindful listening. Socialization activities will also include activities for patient's families and/or care providers.

RESOURCE NAVIGATION

In partnership with 40+ partner agencies and programs located at the Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living and other local nonprofit organizations, resource referrals will be provided for mental health, safety net and other critical human services. Referrals provide a holistic approach in addressing social determinants of health that are barriers to long-term cancer survival.