



# CanCare Atlanta

News and information to open hearted cancer survivors and caregivers who want to give back

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## VICTORY FOR HOPE - Oh! What a Night!



Cancer survivors, CanCare-Atlanta Volunteers, and guests were celebrated at the Victory for Hope dinner on Saturday night, February 25, at Johns Creek Presbyterian Church (JCPC). The entire event was a fun and special night for all!

Chris Holcomb, 11Alive Chief Meteorologist, hosted the evening, which honored two top medical oncology professionals; namely, Stephen Szabo, MD, and Connie Masters, RN, MSN. Keynote Speaker and Cancer Survivor Barbara Dooley entertained the crowd with a humorous look at her breast cancer experience, along with the challenges and joys of being the wife of a renowned football coach.



Cristina Vetrano, President and CEO of CanCare, made the trip from CanCare HQ in Houston to share in the fun and joy of the evening. Cristina spoke on the organization's 25+ years and its ever-deepening legacy of being there for individuals, caregivers, employers, and faith communities.

Reverend Dr. C. Gray Norsworthy gave the invocation, and Joe Araoz, cancer survivor and CanCare volunteer, spoke on his experience with cancer and introduced his talented daughter, Elena, whose lovely voice charmed the crowd with a song from the Broadway musical "Neverland."



The beautiful flower arrangements were created by Sondra Cooley, CanCare volunteer and JCPC member, and her daughter Mimi Cooley. Music was provided by the Lambert High School String Quintet, and a fantastic buffet dinner was provided by Zest Atlanta Caterers.



Chris Holcomb gave special recognition to the cancer survivors in the room. The evening was topped off with Reverend Dr. Timothy Park, Director of Spiritual Health at Emory Johns Creek Hospital, who introduced a moving "Candles of Hope" ceremony, which presented honors and memories of people who experienced cancer. The Lambert HS String Quintet played "Wind Beneath My Wings" as the names scrolled on the screen.



The CanCare Leadership Team sincerely thanks all those who participated in producing the evening, those who attended, and especially the sponsors who made the entire event possible.

### Platinum Sponsors

Emory Johns Creek Hospital  
Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital  
Emory Winship Cancer Institute

### Bronze Sponsor

Atlanta Oncology

### Copper Sponsors

Jeff & Susie Howard  
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Scholarships for volunteers were provided Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Emory St. Joseph's Hospital, Emory Winship Cancer Institute, and Dr. Kimberly Jackson.

## Calling (Again) for Volunteers for CanCare Training, Especially Caregivers and Spouses from Kay Royal

The CanCare Volunteer Training for Class 78 is filling up fast for March 24-26 at the Emory Johns Creek Hospital Education Center.

**If you are a trained CanCare volunteer or plan to take the training this month, check with your spouse to see if they would be interested in taking the training as well.**



We especially need caregiver volunteers, so if you are a cancer survivor, consider asking your spouse if they would be interested in becoming a CanCare Volunteer with you.

**New This Year!** Caregivers--whose loved ones did not survive their cancer journey--may now train to become volunteers. Potential volunteers should complete the on-line volunteer application at <http://cancare.org/volunteer/>. The application will then be emailed to me so that I can contact them.

**If you are interested in helping with the March training, please let me know as well. I need volunteers to serve as greeters and small group leaders at the training on Friday night.**

Thanks, friends!  
**Kay Royal**  
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## Have You Been Matched?

Have you been matched with a CanCare client since you completed your training? As a volunteer who has survived the same or similar type of cancer as a patient or a caregiver, you bring positive encouragement and hope to someone because you understand firsthand what your client(s) are going through.



If you haven't been matched yet and would like to be, contact Heather Lueckemeyer, Volunteer & Client Services Coordinator in Houston, at [heatherl@cancare.org](mailto:heatherl@cancare.org).

Opportunities are also available for volunteers to make hospital visits to cancer patients and their families. To find out where and how CanCare-Atlanta volunteers are volunteering, contact Marilyn Burdick at [marilynburdick@bellsouth.net](mailto:marilynburdick@bellsouth.net).

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## Exciting New Resources! Winship Support Groups & Programs



Emory Healthcare has **monthly support groups** for a wide variety of cancer types including caregivers, stress management, colorectal, pancreatic, breast, and many more. Details about the groups and when they meet can be found on the Winship Cancer Institute Events web page. Click [here](#) for information on these cancer support groups and other Winship events.

Founded in January of 2001 in Denver, Colorado, **The Children's Treehouse Foundation (CLIMB®)** is the nation's only organization providing psycho-social intervention developed specifically to support the emotional needs of children with a parent or caregiver who is dealing with cancer. This often overlooked aspect of cancer treatment now has a program that kids, parents, and oncology professionals all rave about, the CLIMB® Program. Click the CLIMB link for more information.

Many parents dealing with cancer acknowledge they don't know how to talk to their children about their cancer. This not only heightens children's stress and fears but it also can isolate them and keep them from being an active member of the family.



This free, fun, and interactive program is for children ages 6-11 and involves weekly sessions in the evening. It helps children learn about cancer and its treatments and helps them learn to express their feelings about cancer.

The next session starts March 2017. For more information about CLIMB or to enroll a child, contact Joy McCall, LCSW, OSC-C at 404-938-0918 or [joy.mccall@emoryhealthcare.org](mailto:joy.mccall@emoryhealthcare.org).

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## What Have Our Volunteers Been Doing?

from Marilyn Burdick



CanCare Volunteers hours and connections reported as of **March 6:**

**44.25 hours, 71 contacts with 7 volunteers at Emory Johns Creek Hospital**  
**24 hours, 77 contacts with 4 volunteers at Atlanta Oncology**

Thanks to you, our volunteers, we have contributed **68.25 total hours for 148 clients with 11 volunteers**. Way to go! Thanks to Marilyn Burdick and Kristi Forbes for sharing this month's volunteer hours and connections.

### Are you recording your hours?

Reporting volunteer hours is critical to obtaining funds from a variety of sources, including foundation grants (local, state, and national), corporations, individual donations and major gifts, and bequests.

Help CanCare Atlanta to be in a position to build and market itself successfully by reporting your volunteers hours to Marilyn at [marilynburdick@bellsouth.net](mailto:marilynburdick@bellsouth.net) or Kristi at [kl4bs@me.com](mailto:kl4bs@me.com) as requested.

Send the dates, hours, and number of connections you make with individual clients and caregivers at infusion and radiation centers, cancer support groups, and at homes.

## Upcoming Events

### CanCare Volunteer Training

March 24-26

Johns Creek Presbyterian Church  
10950 Bell Road, Johns Creek, GA 30097  
Positions still available!  
Contact Kay Royal, [kayr@cancares.org](mailto:kayr@cancares.org), (678) 977-1467



### CanCare Social Event

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30pm

Twisted Taco, 9700 Medlock Bridge Rd., Suite #110,  
Johns Creek  
All CanCare Volunteers welcome!

### Johns Creek Women's Cancer Support Group

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 6pm (Note time change)

Emory Johns Creek Hospital  
Education Center, Classroom A (Lower Level)  
6325 Hospital Parkway, Johns Creek  
Contact Peg Titus-Hall at [peggytitushall@gmail.com](mailto:peggytitushall@gmail.com).



## Cancer Awareness

### March

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month  
Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month  
National Kidney Cancer Awareness Month



[Click here for cancer ribbon colors.](#)

## Relevant Resources



Below are a number resources that you might find helpful. Click the link beneath each logo to check out its website. If you know of any other resources to share, send them to Peg Titus-Hall at [peggytitushall@gmail.com](mailto:peggytitushall@gmail.com).

My BC Team  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Susan G. Komen for the Cure  
Cancer Support Community  
CanCare  
CanCare.org

Breast Reconstruction  
American Cancer Society  
Alive With Joan  
Cancer.Net  
CancerCare.org

## Communication Is the Key! We Welcome Your Feedback!

This is your monthly newsletter! The CanCare Atlanta Leadership Team want this newsletter to be valuable for you, so we welcome your feedback and suggestions to help us improve. Contact Peg Titus-Hall at [peggytitushall@gmail.com](mailto:peggytitushall@gmail.com) with suggested topics and news items.



From the CanCare Atlanta Leadership Team

Thank you for all that you do for your clients  
and for CanCare!

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