Cancer Resource Guide

www.cancer-companions.org
What is Cancer Companions?

Imagine churches all over America intentionally reaching out into the lives of cancer families in their community.

Imagine church volunteers being in the midst of a person’s cancer journey to offer companionship and hope.

Whether meeting one on one at a coffee shop or gathering with others in a Christian support group—patients, survivors and their loved ones find the connections they need to draw closer to Christ on their cancer journey.

This is the vision of Cancer Companions.

Mission Statement:

To equip, train and support caring individuals to provide safe, supportive environments for cancer families to draw closer to Christ.

Who is Karen Tripp?

Karen is the founder and president of Cancer Companions. She lives in West County St Louis and is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. After writing God is Bigger Than Your Cancer and running Christian cancer support groups throughout St. Louis, Karen founded Cancer Companions in 2011. You can learn more about her and her books at www.Godisbiggerthan.com and she can be contacted at Karen@ktripp.com.

Key Verse: Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 4:8

Participating Churches:

Illinois:
Cornerstone Christian Church – Shiloh, IL Cathy Wright (618)239-9710
First Baptist Maryville – Maryville, IL Judy Davis judy.davis1@earthlink.net
Our Savior Lutheran - Springfield, IL Kim Meyer (217)546-4532
Zion Lutheran – Belleville, IL Julie Harms (618)540-8683 & Marilyn Tappendorf (618)670-3676

Missouri:
Chapel of the Cross Lutheran - St. Louis, MO Dave Funke (314)741-3737
Grace Church - Maryland Heights, MO Christy Fry (314)292-8300, Tina (618)580-4388, or Trudy (314)822-2767.
Immanuel Lutheran – Rosebud, MO Pastor Aaron Kotilla (573)764-2564
Immanuel Lutheran - St. Charles, MO Roxanne Rohlfing (636)949-3927
Oakville Bridge Community Church – St. Louis, MO Erin Buschorn & Nikki Harris (314)894-2140
O’Fallon Christian Church – O’Fallon, MO Sabrina Leon & Donna Proctor (636)240-3792
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - St. Ann, MO Lisa Hogbin (314)739-3222

Ohio:
Sulphur Grove United Methodist – Huber Heights, OH Larry Dollar & George Pepper (937)236-5970

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Put Your Church Information Here

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Phone Number

Web site

Worship times:

Weekly Bible Studies:

Youth meeting time:

Sunday school time:

Preschool/school info:

Groups:
Where to Find What You’re Looking For…

**Brain Cancer**
American Brain Tumor Association

**Breast Cancer**
Anderson Hospital

**Caregivers**
American Brain Tumor Association
Blood and Marrow Information Network
Lotsa Helping Hands
National Cervical Cancer Coalition
National Family Caregivers Association

**Cervical Cancer**
National Cervical Cancer Coalition

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Colon Cancer Alliance

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YMCA – LIVESTRONG Survivor Exercise Program
Cancer Treatment Center

**Fertility**
Fertile Hope

**Financial Assistance**
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American Brain Tumor Association
Blood and Marrow Information Network
Koman Foundation
LIVESTRONG

**General Support Groups**
Cancer Companions

**Head Cancer**
Support For People With Oral And Head And Neck Cancer

**Housecleaning**
Cleaning for a Reason

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Lymphoma
Lymphoma Foundation of America

Meals
Lotsa Helping Hands

Multiple Myeloma
Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation

Neck Cancer
Support For People With Oral And Head And Neck Cancer

Oral Cancer
Support For People With Oral And Head And Neck Cancer

Ovarian Cancer
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance

Pancreatic Cancer
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

Pregnant
Pregnant With Cancer Network

Skin Cancer
Skin Cancer Foundation

Survivorship
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
YMCA – LIVESTRONG Survivor Exercise Program
Throat Cancer
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Transportation
American Cancer Society
## Cancer Resource Listings

### Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy, Support, and Education (ALCASE)

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| Address: 888 16th Street, NW Suite 150 Washington, D.C. 20006 | PROVIDES:  
• Lung Cancer Information Line  
• Lung Cancer educational materials  
• LungLoveLink – online support  
• Phone Buddy Program – Peer-to-peer telephone support  
• Support Groups – closest is Columbia, MO and Springfield, IL  
• Clinical Trial Matching Service  
• Financial Resources  
• Veterans  
• Legal, Case Management, & Employment Resources  
• Lung Cancer Research Organization |
| Phone Number: 800-298-2436 |  |
| Web Site: [www.alcase.org](http://www.alcase.org) |  |

### American Brain Tumor Association

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| Address: 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Suite 550 Chicago, IL 60631 | PROVIDES:  
• Information support resources  
• List of doctors involved in investigational treatment.  
• Online Care Consultation  
• Care for the caregiver  
• Financial Assistance Resources  
• Health Insurance Assistance Resources  
• Reaching out for support  
• Therapeutic recreation |
| Phone Number: 800-886-2282 – Care Line |  |
| Web Site: [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org) |  |

### American Cancer Society

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| Address: 250 Williams Street NW Atlanta, Georgia 30303 | PROVIDES:  
• One on One Support  
• Rides to Treatment  
• Hope Lodging  
• Emotional Support  
• Events  
• Support Communities  
• Other resources  
• Online Resources  
• Research Programs  
• Clinical Trials  
• Cancer Informational Resources  
• Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Concerns |
| Phone Number: 1-800-227-2345 |  |
| Web Site: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) |  |
**American Pain Society**

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| Address: 4700 West Lake Avenue  
Glenview, IL 60025 | PROVIDES:  
- Education  
- Advocacy  
- Resources  
- Centers of Excellence  
- The Journal of Pain  
- Special Interest Groups |
| Phone Number: 847-375-4715 |  |
| Web Site: [www.ampainsoc.org](http://www.ampainsoc.org) |  |

**Anderson Hospital**

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| Address: 2227 Vadalabene  
Maryville, IL 62062 | PROVIDES:  
- Share Breast Cancer Support Group meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. |
| Phone Number: 618-391-5900  
Contact: Wendy McIntyre, RN |  |
| Web Site:  |  |

**Blood and Marrow Information Network**

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| Address: 2310 Skokie Valley Road  
Suite 104  
Highland Park, IL 60035 | No Local Chapter  
- PROVIDES:  
- Find a transplant center  
- Find a donor  
- Talk to a survivor or family member  
- Tips for family caregivers  
- Help with finances/insurance  
- Resources  
- Drug database  
- Books and support publications – patient handbooks  
- Advocacy |
| Phone Number: 888-597-7674 |  |
| Web Site: [www.bmtinfonet.org](http://www.bmtinfonet.org) |  |

**Cancer Care**

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| Address: 275 Seventh Avenue  
New York, NY 10001 | PROVIDES:  
- Counseling by Oncology Social Worker available by telephone  
- Education Workshops  
- Publications (order form) by type of cancer  
- Financial Assistance – online  
- Information for Healthcare Professionals |
| Phone Number: 800-813-HOPE (4673) |  |
| Web Site: [www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org) |  |
**Cancer Treatment Center**

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<td>Address: 4000 North Illinois, Suite B Swansea, IL 62226</td>
<td>PROVIDES:</td>
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<td>Phone Number: 618-236-1000</td>
<td>• General and Specific Cancer Information</td>
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<td>Web Site: thecancercenter.com</td>
<td>• Cancer Treatment Options</td>
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**CaringBridge**

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<td>Address:</td>
<td>PROVIDES: Free patient websites bring people together when health matters most. CaringBridge is for anyone facing any health condition: big or small, acute or long term, available for as long as needed! Start a site for someone today so they can share their story and stay connected.</td>
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<td>Web Site: <a href="http://www.caringbridge.org/">http://www.caringbridge.org/</a></td>
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**Cleaning for a Reason**

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<td>Address:</td>
<td>Provides FREE housecleaning for those who have breast cancer – 1 time a month for 4 months while in treatment. One must sign up and have the doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in patient’s zip code area arrange for the service.</td>
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<td>Web Site: <a href="http://www.cleaningforareason.org">www.cleaningforareason.org</a></td>
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**Colon Cancer Alliance**

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<td>Address: 1025 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 1066 Washington, DC 20005</td>
<td>Colorectal Cancer Networking Group Second Monday each month at 6:30pm at the Wellness Community Local: 1058 Old Des Peres Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131 (314) 238-2000</td>
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<td>Phone Number: (877) 422-2030</td>
<td>PROVIDES:</td>
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<td>Web Site: <a href="http://ccalliance.org/index.html">http://ccalliance.org/index.html</a></td>
<td>• Treatment information</td>
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<td>• Educational and resource information</td>
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<td>• A buddy system</td>
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<td>• Other information about colorectal cancer.</td>
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### Fertile Hope

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| **Address:** 2201 E Sixth St  
  Austin TX 78702 | PROVIDES:  
  • Reproductive information, support and hope to  
    cancer patients and survivors whose medical  
    treatments present the risk of infertility. Cancer  
    and Fertility Information & News  
  • Financial Assistance  
  • Research and Trials  
  • Additional Resources  
  • Fertile Hope is a national LIVESTRONG  
    initiative |
| **Phone Number:** (866) 965-7205 | |
| **Web Site:** [www.fertilehope.org](http://www.fertilehope.org) | |

### Kidney Cancer Association

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| **Address:** P.O. Box 803338 #38269  
  Chicago, IL 60680-3338 | PROVIDES:  
  • Education  
  • Surgical Treatment  
  • Therapies  
  • Drug Information  
  • Outcome Calculator  
  • Statistics  
  • Rare Conditions  
  • Medical Education (CME)  
  • International Resources  
  • Videos, Books  
  • Cancer Term Dictionary  
  • Clinical Trails  
  • Cancer Nutrition  
  • Emotional Well-being  
  • Patient Empowerment  
  • 1 on 1 support  
  • Help for young adults |
| **Phone Number:** 1 (800) 850-9132 or 1 (847) 332-1051 | |
| **Web Site:** [www.kidneycancer.org](http://www.kidneycancer.org) | |

### Koman Foundation

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| **Address:** 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250  
  Dallas, TX 75244 | PROVIDES:  
  • One on One Support  
  • Online and phone informational support  
    including:  
  • Diagnosis, treatment and emotional support  
  • Health Insurance Coverage  
  • Local area fund raising event |
| **Phone Number:** 1-877 GO KOMEN  
  (1-877-465-6636) | |
| **Web Site:** [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org) | |

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**LIVESTRONG**

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| Address: Lance Armstrong Foundation  
2201 E Sixth St  
Austin TX 78702 | PROVIDES:  
• Fertility Preservation Information and Assistance  
• Financial, Insurance and Job Concerns  
• Counseling and Local Resource  
• Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Concerns  
• Clinical Trial Resources |
| Phone Number: (887) 236-8820  
(855) 220-7777 |  |
| Web Site: [www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org) |  |

**Lotsa Helping Hands**

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| Address: 34 Washington Street, Suite 310  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 | PROVIDES:  
• Website connections through the power of community – whether you need help or want to provide help.  
• Help Calendar – sign up for meals, transportation, help within communities.  
• Free tools designed to help the caregiver.  
• Community building features online to help with emotional support for the family and provide resources. |
| Phone Number: |  |
| Web Site: [www.lotsahelpinghands.com](http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com) |  |

**Lymphoma Foundation of America**

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| Address: Main Office  
1100 N. Main Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104 | PROVIDES:  
• Research  
• Job Security and Patients’ Rights  
• One on One counseling |
| Phone Number: Tel: (734) 222-1100  
Fax: (734) 222-0044  
patient hotline: 1-800-385-1060 |  
• Starting a Local Support Group  
• Second Opinions  
• Special Events  
• Find Lymphoma Specialists  
• Educational Programs |
| Web Site: [www.lymphomahelp.org](http://www.lymphomahelp.org) |  |

**Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation**

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</table>
| Address: 383 Main Avenue  
5th Floor  
Norwalk, CT 06851 | PROVIDES:  
• Information on Multiple Myeloma Treatments  
• Clinical research |
| Phone Number: (203) 229-0464  
Fax: (203) 229-0572 |  |
| Web Site: [www.themmrf.org](http://www.themmrf.org)  
Email: info@themmrf.org |  |
**National Cervical Cancer Coalition**

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| Address: PO Box 13827  
   Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 | PROVIDES:  
   • Phone/e-mail pals  
   • Videos, Conferences and events  
   • Health Links  
   • Glossary  
   • Information store  
   • Books  
   • Caregivers and Coping  
   • Access to screening and prevention  
   • Patient Information |
| Phone Number: (800) 685-5531  
   (919) 361-4863 |  |
| Web Site: nccc@ashastd.org  
   WWW.NCCC-ONLINE.ORG/index.html |  |

**National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship**

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| Address: 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 770  
   Silver Spring, MD 20910 | PROVIDES:  
   • Cancer survival toolbox  
   • Health insurance issues  
   • Employment Rights  
   • Self-advocacy  
   • How to talk to your doctor  
   • The power of hope |
| Phone Number: 301-650-9127 |  |
| Web Site: www.canceradvocacy.org |  |

**National Family Caregivers Association**

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| Address: 10400 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 500  
   Kensington, MD 20895 | PROVIDES:  
   • Agencies and Organizations: Access websites for resources regarding insurance, respite, Medicare, etc.  
   • Caregiver Community Action Network: volunteers provide information, education & support to caregivers  
   • Educational Publications: monthly e-letters, quarterly newsletters, resource library  
   • Depression in Caregivers: ideas to cope with stress and depression of the caregiver  
   • Medical ID Bracelet/Dog Tags for Caregivers  
   • Online Story Bank/Pen Pals: programs to connect with other caregivers |
| Phone Number: 800-896-3650 |  |
| Web Site: www.nfcacares.org |  |
**Ovarian Cancer National Alliance**

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| Address: 910 17th Street NW Suite 413 Washington DC 20006 | PROVIDES:  
  - Survivors Teaching Students Program: Survivors tell their experiences to medical profession classroom  
  - Annual Conference: Connects researchers, clinicians, survivors and caregivers  
  - Advocacy: Advocacy on Capitol Hill  
  - Teal Journal: Quarterly journal spotlighting research and policy initiatives for researchers and patients  
  - Ovarian Cancer Webinar Series |
| Phone Number: 202-331-1332 | |
| Web Site: [www.ovariancancer.org](http://www.ovariancancer.org) | |

**Pancreatic Cancer Action Network**

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| Address: 2221 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 131 El Segundo, CA 90245 | PROVIDES:  
  - One-on-One Support  
  - Pancreatic Cancer Treatment Options & Clinical Trials  
  - Survivor Stories and Support Resources  
  - Healthcare Professional Information  
  - Educational Symposiums  
  - Research Grants |
| Phone Number: 877-272-6226 | |
| Web Site: [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org) | |

**Phil’s Friends**

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| Address: 1350 Lake St. Suite I Roselle, IL 60172 | PROVIDES:  
  - Christ centered support and hope to those affected by cancer through care package delivery and prayer cards. |
| Phone Number: | |
| Web Site: [www.philsfriends.org](http://www.philsfriends.org) | |

**Pregnant with Cancer Network**

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| Address: P.O. Box 1243 Buffalo, NY 14220 | PROVIDES:  
  - News Bulletins  
  - Quarterly Newsletters  
  - Survivor Stories and Online Networking  
  - Medical Studies available |
| Phone Number: 800-743-4471 | |
| Web Site: [www.pregnantwithcancer.org](http://www.pregnantwithcancer.org) | |

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**Skin Cancer Foundation**

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| Address: 245 Fifth Avenue, # 1403  
New York, NY  10016 | Resources:  
• Find a Physician  
• Prevention Tools and Healthy Lifestyle Information  
• Survivor Stories  
• Skin Cancer Information (Types and Treatments) |
| Phone Number: 800-SKIN-490 | |
| Web Site: [www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org) | |

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**Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer**

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| Address: SPOCHNC  
P.O.  Box 53  
Locust Valley, NY 11560-0053 | PROVIDES:  
• One on One Support  
• Support Group Meetings  
• Newsletters, Article Publications  
• Physical and Psychosocial Challenges  
• Information for Supportive Care Products  
• National Survivor Volunteer Network |
| Phone Number: 800-337-0928 | |
| Web Site: [www.spochn.org](http://www.spochn.org) | |

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**Y-ME Breast Cancer Network**

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| Address: 212 W Van Buren ST  
Suite 1000  
Chicago, IL 60607-3908 | PROVIDES:  
• One on One Support  
• Breast Cancer Online Forums  
• Survivor Match Program  
• Partner Match Program  
• Wig and Prosthesis Program  
• Support Groups  
• Email a Peer Counselor Program  
• Gerry Weinberg Library in Chicago, IL |
| Phone Number: 800-221-2141 (24 hour hotline) | |
| Web Site: [www.y-me.org](http://www.y-me.org) | |