

CANCER NETWORK RESOURCE GUIDE



Cancer Patient Services

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I. Introduction

The Cancer Network was established in the Spring of 2002. It was decided that several agencies that provide services to people with cancer should meet on a regular basis to share information and resources. Cancer Patient Services received a two-year grant from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation to fund a Volunteer Coordinator position. One of the duties of the Volunteer Coordinator was to organize a resource guide for the Cancer Network. This resource guide is designed to help cancer patients and their families find the help that they need. It can be used by nurses, patients, and/or other organizations as a reference tool.

As support groups change, businesses close or move, it is hoped that the information can be kept current. As of November 2003, this information is correct. The Cancer Network recommends no business or group over another.

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II. Agency Information



American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Local quality of life programs of services of the American Cancer Society provided free of charge include:

- **24-Hour Call Center**- Information and support available at 800- ACS-2345
- **Generation Fit**- A program that gives young people the opportunity to act on issues related to nutrition and physical activity in their schools and in their communities.
- **Healthy Kids Network**- A series of newsletters for those interested in learning more about how health education at school benefits children.
- **Hope Lodge**- A homelike setting where adult cancer patients and their caregivers can stay, free of charge, while receiving hospital treatments away from home. The Joseph S. and Jeanette M. Silber Hope Lodge is currently operating in Cleveland, and a capital campaign to fund a Hope Lodge in Cincinnati is underway.
- **Camp Friendship**- Summer camps for kids who are being treated for cancer or who are in remission from cancer.
- **Kids Can Cope, Too Camp**- A summer camp for children who have a family member with cancer. This camp helps children understand the illness and learn to cope with the changes that accompany the illness all in a fun camp setting.
- **Look Good...Feel Better**- Sessions to help women undergoing cancer treatment learn to cope with the appearance-related side effects. The program is provided cooperatively with the National Cosmetology Association and the Cosmetic Toiletry and Fragrance Association.
- **Reach to Recovery**- Program that helps women with breast cancer cope with their diagnosis, treatment and recovery through information and emotional support from trained peer counselors. Also provides information for women concerned about breast cancer.
- **Man to Man**- Prostate cancer support and information program for men, their families and loved ones.
- **I Can Cope**- Series of educational classes that helps enable cancer patients and their families to make informed decisions about their treatment.
- **Cancer Survivors Network (CSN)**- Telephone and Internet support service that was created by and for cancer survivors and their families to address their need to connect with others who have been touched by cancer. Topics on the CSN cover a wide range such as fears of recurrence, caregiver information, communication issues and more. Call toll free at 1-877-333-HOPE or at www.cancer.org.
- **Cancer Resource Centers**- Located in Galion and Bucyrus Hospitals, these centers provide resources and support for cancer patients, survivors, and their loved ones right where they need it.

- **Patient Navigator-** This program helps patients, families, and caregivers navigate the many systems (financial, health care and social) needed during the cancer journey. Trained Patient Navigators link those dealing with cancer to needed programs and resources by providing individualized assistance and support plus information and education. Call 888-ACS-OHIO for information about this program.

Contact Information:

Location: American Cancer Society, Hancock Area Office
110 South Main St., Findlay, OH 45840
Phone: (419) 423-0456
Toll Free: 1 (888) 227-6446
Web site: www.cancer.org



**Bridge
Home Health
& Hospice**
BLANCHARD VALLEY HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Bridge Home Health & Hospice

Bridge Home Health & Hospice partners with you, your physician and your family members to bring a wide range of health care services into your home. We serve Hancock, Wood, and surrounding counties.

Home health care services available include: Enterostomal Nurse for Ostomy Care and Patients with Special Wound or Skin Care Needs, Registered Nurses Certified in PICC line insertion and care, Telehealth, IV Therapy (Antibiotics, Nutrition, Pain Management, and Hydration), Registered Nurse (available 24 hours a day as needed), Mother/New Baby Home Visits, Home Phototherapy for Babies with Jaundice, Pediatric asthma program, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Diabetic Education, Lab Draws and Specimen Collection, Personal Care Services by Certified Aides, Chaplain Visits available, and Social Worker for Family Support and Help with Financial Concerns.

The hospice philosophy affirms death as a natural part of life, seeking neither to hasten, nor prolong the dying process. Skilled staff and volunteers offer a holistic approach in caring for the terminally ill, while preserving the dignity and privacy of all patients and families. Hospice services are available in private homes (when a primary caregiver is present), in nursing homes and in assisted living facilities. Trained volunteers play an active role and may provide companionship, homemaker services, and bereavement support.

Bridge Home Health & Hospice will bill your insurance directly. We are also certified by the Ohio Department of Health for Medicare and Medicaid services. Home health services are available to uninsured individuals with fees on a sliding scale based on income and ability to pay. Hospice care is provided regardless of ability to pay.

(Bridge Home Health & Hospice is a subsidiary of the Blanchard Valley Health Association.)

Contact Information:

Location: 15100 Birchaven Lane, P.O. Box 1425, Findlay, OH 45840
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., calls forwarded to on-call personnel after 5:00
Phone: (419) 423-5351 or toll free: 1-(800) 982- 3306
Web site: www.bvha.org/bridge.htm



Cancer Patient Services

Cancer Patient Services is a local, independent, non-profit United Way agency that works to reduce the burden of cancer on patients and their families. The only qualification to receive these services is that the patient must live or work in Hancock County. We pay special attention to the physical, financial and emotional needs of our clients and we also try to educate the general public about cancer. These services are offered with compassion, confidentiality, courtesy and respect.

The following is a listing of services, which are offered:

- **Loan Cupboard-** Loaning medical equipment such as hospital beds, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, shower seats, egg-crate mattresses, and other miscellaneous items free of charge.
- **Financial Assistance-** with the cost of transportation to and from treatments.
- **Assistance with Specialty Supplies-** Prosthetic devices, wigs, ostomy supplies, underpads, undergarments, dressing materials, etc.
- **Provide Head Coverings-** such as turbans, hats, scarves, etc.
- **Prescription Assistance-** Reimburse for chemotherapy and other cancer-related medications.
- **Radiation Treatment-** Reimburse a one-time total of \$200.00 for radiation treatment.
- **Provide Educational Materials-** to the general public, cancer patients, and various professionals throughout the community.
- **Nutritional Support Therapy-** Provide assistance with the cost of supplemental feedings.
- **Kids Helping Kids-** support group for children ages 5 to 13, who has an ill parent or loved one. This group is designed to help these children talk about what they are feeling and get answers to questions that they have concerning their loved one's illness. KHK meets every 3rd Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Cancer Survivor Support Group-** for cancer patients and their families. This group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

(Both Support Groups meet at the Blanchard Valley Regional Cancer Center located at 12990 Medical Center Drive, - Just off of State Route 224 by Birchaven.)

- **Camp Hi Hopes-** A two-day camp for children who have or have had cancer or any other life threatening illness, along with their siblings.
- **Sponsor and Participate-** in health fairs, seminars and screenings to enhance cancer awareness within the community.

Contact Information:

Location: 820 N. Main St., Unit 7, Findlay, OH 45840
Hours: Monday- Friday from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Phone: (419) 423-0286
Web site: www.CancerPatientServices.org

Hancock County Agency on Aging/Senior Center

The agency's mission, as a connector and change partner for older adults, is to assure maximum quality of life by empowering them to maintain and create independence through advocacy, education, support, and fellowship. Some programs offered through the Hancock County Area Agency on Aging include:

- **Mobile Meals**-Short-term delivery program open to persons recovering from surgery or illness. Meals are delivered by volunteer's 5 days a week at the noon hour. Special dietary needs can be addressed and all the meals are prepared by the BVRHC. A fee is charged and a sliding scale is available.
- **Outreach**- Personal contact is made with homebound, isolated adults 60 & older who have unmet needs. Free home assessments are available by staff.
- **Chore Service**-Simple household repairs and heavy duty house cleaning services available to adults age 60 & older. Some of the tasks include window washing, grocery delivery and seasonal maintenance. Sliding scale fee is charged, but donations are encouraged.
- **Emergency Home Repairs**-Program funded through a grant from the Ohio Department of Development. Eligible candidates must own their own home or trailer and meet financial need. Jobs may include roof repairs, furnace replacement, and safety improvement needs.
- **Recreations & Social Activities**- Travel, billiards, crafts, cards, dinners, bingo and so much more! Be a part of the Millstream Rhythm Band! Pick up a monthly calendar of activities at the center and join in the fun.
- **Educational Programs**-Presentations are scheduled on Fridays and topics vary. Pick up a monthly calendar for a schedule of the educational programs.
- **Health Services**-Exercise classes, line dancing, reflexology, toenail clipping, manicures, health fairs and other health programs.
- **Nutrition Site Services**-Enjoy lunches every weekday at 11:00. You must be 60 years of age and a resident of Hancock County. Pick up a monthly menu at the center or call (419)423-7924 for reservations. A donation is encouraged.
- **Legal/Tax Assistance**-Free counseling on a variety of topics is available. Appointments are required. Call the center to schedule an appointment with a qualified representative.
- **Carrier Alert**-Register for this free monitoring mail service that is sponsored by your local postal service. Any unusual amounts of mail will be tracked by the agency and proper procedures will be followed to check on your status.
- **Golden Buckeye Card**-Applications are available at the center. You must be 60 years of age or older or permanently disabled. There is no fee for the card, but there is a charge for replacement cards.
- **Senior Solutions**-Promotes and coordinates collaborative and networking efforts between agencies and professionals that serve older adults. Case review and planning involves social services and professionals sharing critical client issues and program development. Adult cluster provides educational opportunities for professionals.
- **Pharmaceutical Assistance**-Assistance is provided for those 60 plus, who qualify for medications. Medications are available at minimal or no cost.

- **Home Energy Assistance Program**-Program funded by the Ohio Department of Development designed to help eligible low income Ohioans meet the high cost of home heating.
- **Kinship Program**- Provides information and referral for Grandparents and other Kin raising children and about available programs and services in Hancock County.
- **Special events** –held throughout the year.

Contact Information:

Location: 423 Trenton Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840
Hours: Monday- Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Phone: (419) 423-8496
Web site: www.ohioseniors.com/hancockaoa/index.php

Hancock Christian Clearing House

The Hancock Christian Clearing House is a non-profit organization comprised of many church congregations in Hancock County. The purpose of the organization is to promote cooperation among churches and agencies, and to assist people in need with small financial vouchers to provide emergency (not sustaining) assistance. HCCH works closely with other organizations in the Findlay-Hancock County area that may be better equipped to deal with long-range needs.

HCCH assists in the following manner:

1. People who need emergency help should contact the HCCH office immediately, or they should have other agencies make the contact for them.
2. The HCCH staff will work with applicants to determine the extent of the emergency and decide upon a course of action.
3. If other resources will better relieve the need, the HCCH staff will direct applicants to those locations.
4. HCCH will help identify and clarify other problem areas expressed by the applicant during interview and recommend appropriate services.
5. If, after evaluation and verification of need, no other resources for assistance are available or appropriate, HCCH may provide a voucher to satisfy the applicant's need.
6. HCCH never gives money to applicants!
7. HCCH has rules regarding amount and frequency of assistance.
8. HCCH may help with rent (when threatened with eviction), security deposits, utility bills (when threatened with shut off), food, medical such as prescriptions, gasoline for work or medical appointments, and for other unusual emergency needs.

Contact Information:

Location: in First Christian Church
620 North Main St., Findlay, OH 45840
Hours: Monday- Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open for clients needing assistance: Monday- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Open for appointments with referrals from churches or other agencies:
Monday- Thursday: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Call about Friday hours

Phone: (419) 422-2222 or (419) 423-5989
Fax: (419) 423-5989
E-mail: hcchfindlay@aol.com

III. Clinical Trials



Blanchard Valley ONCOLOGY CLINICAL RESEARCH
Regional Health Center

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So much has changed in the past few years with how we look at, how we diagnose and treat, and even how we prevent cancer. Advances in cancer medicine are the result of new ideas and approaches developed through Clinical Research. Today's treatments are becoming more specific and better tolerated. It is truly exciting for Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center to be on the cutting edge of cancer therapy by offering Clinical Trials right here in Findlay, Ohio!

In Cancer Research a Clinical Trial is a research study involving people with cancer or people at risk for getting cancer. Clinical Trials try to answer specific scientific questions to find better ways to prevent cancers, and to detect, treat or improve the care of people with cancer.

Clinical Trials are no longer seen as the "last resort" treatment. Participating in a Clinical Trial may actually give you a chance to receive the most advanced treatment. Cancer Clinical Trials usually compare the standard treatment to a new treatment that is expected to be as good or better than the standard.

Here at Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center, you can now participate in clinical trials without having to go to a facility far away from home. It is through our connection with the Community Clinical Oncology Program sponsored by the National Cancer Institute that we have access to NCI-supported clinical trials. We have a variety of both cancer treatment clinical trials and cancer prevention trials available.

We encourage you to talk to your doctor and explore clinical trials as a treatment option.

Other information about treatment trials- <http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov>

Cancer Liaison Program- Food and Drug Administration, FDA Room 9-49CFH-12, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 827-4460, Web site: www.fda.gov Email: pdelaney@oc.fda.gov CLP works directly with cancer patients and advocacy programs, by providing information and education on the FDA drug approval process, cancer clinical trials, and access to investigational therapies.

Coalition of National Cancer Cooperative Groups- (877) 520-4457- 1818 Market St., #1100, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Web site: www.ca-coalition.org Web site provides basic information about cancer clinical trials offered by several NCI-sponsored cooperative groups, and helpful links to patient advocate groups.

International Cancer Alliance (ICARE)- 4853 Cordell Ave, Suite 206, Bethesda, MD 20814, 1 (800) I CARE-61, (301) 654-8694 (fax), Email: info@icare.org. Provides a free Cancer Therapy Review, which includes a description, detection and staging treatment, diagnostic tests and clinical trials for a specific cancer. *Cancer Breakthroughs* reports sent quarterly.

Single Patient Investigational New Drug Program- (301) 827-4460, Food and Drug Administration, HF-12, Parklawn Bldg., Room 949, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, - Patients who are not eligible for clinical trials and who are in an immediate medical crisis may be able to receive drugs that are not yet approved, by having their doctor apply to the FDA for an “Emergency IND.” Have your physician call for additional application information. The FDA usually responds to an application within 24-48 hours.

IV. Counseling

Local Organizations

Catholic Charities- (419) 523-3501, 360 N. Locust St., Ottawa, OH 45875
Counseling of all types, By appointment only. Fees: Self-pay, Sliding Scale, Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial Insurance.

Century Health- (419) 425-5050, 422-3711, 1-888-936-7116,
1918 N. Main, Findlay, OH 45840- Marriage, family, and individual counseling;
Alcohol/chemical dependency counseling; critical incident debriefing; and emergency mental health services.

Family Resource Center- (419) 422-8618, Findlay, OH Counseling for youth and their parents. Grief support groups for children are available. Other support groups for children available for individual needs (i.e., anger management, self-esteem, etc.).

Firelands Counseling Services- (419) 435-0204
Serving Erie, Huron, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties.

First Call for Help- 1-800-468-4357, or www.firstcallnwo.org All calls are confidential. This hotline provides telephone counseling to help callers through personal problems and emotional stress and emergencies, who may need a word of encouragement or who need someone to listen to or may need help.

Lutheran Social Services- (419) 422-7917, 115 East Lima St., Findlay, OH 45840
Counseling (Medicaid approved)

Pathways Counseling Center- (419) 523-4300, or 1-800- 567-4673 (after hours hotline)
835 N. Locust St., Ottawa, OH 45875, Outpatient Counseling and play therapy. Fees:
Self-pay, Sliding Scale, Medicare, Medicaid, and private Insurance.

Private resources in the yellow pages

National Organizations

Cancer Information and Counseling Line (CICL) (a service of the AMC Cancer Research Center)- 1600 Pierce St., Denver, CO 80214, 1-800-525-3777, email at: cicl@amc.org.
Web site: <http://www.amc.org>. Provides a toll-free telephone service for cancer patients, their family members and friends, cancer survivors, and the general public. Hours are 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. MST. Can also submit questions about cancer and request resources via email.

Make Today Count; Mid-America Cancer Center- 1235 E. Cherokee, Springfield, MO 65804, (800) 432-2273, MTC is an organization that brings together people with life-threatening illnesses for “mutual support”. Provides cancer counseling and general counseling

World Pastoral Care -1-847-429-2110, Resources, programs, consultations

V. Educational Information

See American Cancer Society, Cancer Patient Services, Hancock County Agency on Aging/ Senior Center & see National Resources/other resources/Web Sites

American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR)- 1759 R St., NW, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 328-7744, 1-800-843-8114, Email at aicrweb@aicr.org , Web site: <http://www.aicr.org>. AICR provides information about cancer prevention through diet and nutrition. Call to request educational materials, publications on diet for survivors, and information to specific nutrition questions. Some Spanish- language publications are available.

Association of Online Cancer Resources- www.acor.org ACOR is a nonprofit organization that was created to provide support for people touched by cancer. At its heart is a collection of online communities (hundreds of mailing lists that allow participants to share information and give each other support.) ACOR also hosts Web sites with cancer information, information provided by many different individuals and groups. There are resource guides and links to recent research.

American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)- 1900 Duke St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 797-1914, Web site: www.plwc.org The society has created a new Web site that offers patients timely information to help them make informed health-care decisions, including an extensive physician database.

Bloch Cancer Hotline- 4400 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64111, (800) 433-0464, Web site: www.blochcancer.org The Bloch Cancer Hotline offers free copies of several cancer books and relaxation cassette tapes, as well as information on doctors and second opinions.

By My Side™- Sponsored by Amgen- (866) 296-9743, Web site: www.ByMySide.com An educational program that provides information about chemotherapy-related infections and other serious side effects. In addition, the program also offers a one-on-one support network.

CancerBACUP- www.cancerbacup.org.uk, It is the United Kingdom's leading cancer information service, with more than 3000 pages of information. This information is practical and up-to-date. The Web site is very user friendly.

CancerEducation.com- (646) 452-5855, Web site: www.cancereducation.com Designed to improve cancer care through up-to-date information for patients and their families. Resources include medical dictionary, physician and cancer treatment directories, and clinical trials listing.

Cancer Facts.com- (877) 422-3228, Web site: www.cancerfacts.com Provides interactive decision support tools to help people with cancer make informed treatment decisions.

Cancer Glossary- Web site: www.meds.com/glossary.html This reference was compiled by the Nursing Advisory Board of Pharmacia and Upjohn Co. to provide a better understanding of the terminology used in cancer care.

Cancer Information Service of the National Cancer Institute-1-800- 4- Cancer Web site: www.nci.nih.gov Written resources for the public about cancer, treatments, side effects, nutritional information and cookbooks, and how to cope with the disease.

Cancer INFO-1-800-282-6522, Cancer information center

Cancer Net- 800-4-CANCER (800-422-6237), Web site: www.cancer.gov/cancerinformation Current, most accurate information on cancer topics, including treatment options, clinical trials, coping with cancer, and support and resources. Provides a comprehensive list of other online resources.

Cancer Research Foundation of America- Suite 110, 1600 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 836-4412, 1-800-227-CRFA, email at info@crfa.org, Web site: <http://www.preventcancer.org>. Seeks to prevent cancer by funding research and providing educational materials on early detection and nutrition.

Cancer Research Institute (CRI)- 681 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10022, (800) 99-CANCER or (212) 688-7515, Web site : www.cancerresearch.org , email: info@cancerresearch.org CRI funds both cancer and immunological research

Cancer Survivor Toolbox- Free series of audiotapes sponsored by National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Oncology Nursing Society, Association of Oncology Social Work, Genetech BioOncology. Topics include: information for older persons, caring for the caregiver finding ways to pay for care, and basic coping skills of coping with cancer; available in English and Spanish. Ask your health care professional for a tape or write to: National Coalition for Cancer Survivors (NCCS), 1010 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. (301) 650-9127 or www.canceradvocacy.org

Healthfinder®- <http://www.healthfinder.gov>

Created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide a free gateway to reliable online consumer health information. It offers information from selected online publications, clearinghouses, databases, and Web sites, as well as support and self-help groups. It also provides links to the Web sites of Government agencies and nonprofit organizations that provide health information for the public.

Health Web- www.healthweb.org This is a site sponsored by a group of medical libraries in the Midwest. It provides links to hundreds of other health information sites on the Internet.

MEDLINEplus- <http://medlineplus.gov> The National Library of Medicine or NLM's Web site for consumer health information. It includes links to information about a number of health topics, medical dictionaries, databases, interactive health tutorials, drug information, directories, organizations, publications and health news, and consumer health libraries.

Methodist Health Care System- Web site: www.methodisthealth.com/cancer The Methodist Hospital Corporation is a nonprofit organization that provides general information about different cancers.

National Cancer Institute (NCI)- (800) 4-CANCER or (800) 332-8615 TTY, Web site: www.cancer.gov The Cancer Information Service (CIS) is the voice of the National Cancer Institute. The CIS provides cancer information, education and materials to cancer patients, their friends and families, the general public and health professionals. The National Cancer Institute keeps a list of the "NCI-designated cancer center," with their contact information at www.cancer.gov/cancercenters/centerlist.html.

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)- P.O. Box 8218, Silver Spring, MD 20907-8218, (888) 644-6226, (301) 495-4957 (fax), Web site: www.nccam.nih.gov Email: nccam-info@nccam.nih.gov Exchanges info with the public about complementary and alternative medical practices

National Coalition for Cancer Research- 2300 N. St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 663-9125, (202) 663-8007 (fax), Web site: www.cancercoalition.org A coalition focused on increasing federal support for cancer research. Operates as a forum to educate the public and policy makers regarding the essential contributions of basic science and clinical research toward improving cancer detection, treatment, prevention and survival, and ultimately eradicating cancer.

National Health Information Center (NHIC)- P.O. Box 1133, Washington, D.C. 20013-1133, (800) 336-4797, (301) 468-5960 (Publications), Web site: www.health.gov/nhic/ Health information referral service of the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Provides free cancer publications and reports, insurance information and assistance, and national referrals.

National Self-Help Clearinghouse- 365 5th Ave., Suite 3300, New York, NY 10016, (212) 354-8525, Web site: www.selfhelpweb.org Email: info@selfhelpweb.org Provides info and referrals to self-help, mutual-support groups and other community resources across the country.

OncoLink- University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center, 3400 Spruce St., 2 Donner, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 349-8895, (215) 349-5445 (fax) Email: editors@oncolink.upenn.edu , Web site: www.oncolink.upenn.edu A comprehensive Web site that provides information about specific types of cancer, updates on cancer treatments and news about research advances.

Oncology.com- www.oncology.com Regularly updated research information, as well as specialized feature topics on side effect management, caregiver issues, and needs of the newly diagnosed.

Patient-Centered Guides- 1005 Gravenstein Hwy. N., Sebastopol, CA 95472, (800) 998-9938, Web site: www.patientcenters.com, books you can purchase, but also has excerpts from the guides on the Web site. The books are very readable and contain stories of real people, and contain well-researched medical information. The site describes the guides as “a mix of medical, practical and emotional information, grounded in Western medicine, told by people who have been there.”

People Living With Cancer- American Society of Clinical Oncology, 1900 Duke St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 299-0150, (703) 299-1044 (fax), Web site: www.peoplelivingwithcancer.org People Living With Cancer is a cancer information web site from ASCO, an organization representing oncology professionals. The Web site is updated each week and provides oncologist-approved information to help people make informed decisions about their healthcare.

Rebound from Anemia- Web site: www.reboundfromanemia.com Sponsored by Procrit®, this page offers information for managing cancer and chemotherapy-related side effects, such as anemia.

Roswell Park Cancer Institute- Elm and Carlton Sts., Buffalo, NY 14263, (877) ASK-RPCI (877-275-7724), Web site: www.roswellpark.org At Roswell Park, one of the largest U.S. cancer centers, a disease specific team develops a treatment program for each patient.

The Skin Care Foundation- 254 Fifth Ave., Suite 1403, New York, NY 10016, (212) 725-5176 or (800) SKIN-490, Email: info@skincancer.org Web site: www.skincancer.org Conducts public and professional education programs and supports medical research to help reduce the incidence, morbidity and mortality of the disease. A wide range of public, patient and professional educational material is available.

Cancer information- <http://www.cancerwise.org>

Cancer guide- <http://cancerguide.org> A Cancer survivor's web page to help people with questions about cancer. Also helping people to find the questions that they need to ask.

Institute of cancer research- <http://www.icr.ac.uk>

Cancer links to cancer web sites- <http://www.cancerlinks.org> Web site designed to make searching for information on cancer faster and easier.

Cancer Network- <http://www.cancernetwork.com>

*Go to your local public library to check out books, magazines, and other resources available about cancer. Many libraries also have free Internet access to check out additional information on the Internet.

VI. Food/Nutritional Support

See Cancer Patient Services, Hancock County Agency on Aging/ Senior Center and Hancock Christian Clearing House.

Fostoria Sharing Kitchen- (419) 436- 1667, 321 N. Main St., Fostoria, OH 44830
Open Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays for lunch; Donations accepted but not necessary;
Bread and staples available at reduced cost.

Lutheran Social Services- (419) 422-7917, 115 East Lima St., Findlay, OH 45840
Food delivery to elderly, food pantry

The Oley Foundation – (800) 776-OLEY or (518) 262-5079, (518) 262-5528 (fax), 214 Hun Memorial, A-28, Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY 12208-3478, Email: BishopJ@mail.amc.edu, Web site: www.oley.org, Provides free information and psychosocial support to patients fed by tube or IV at home who cannot be sustained by normal eating because part of their gastrointestinal tract is damaged or removed. However, it does not provide financial support or oral nutrition counseling.

Salvation Army- (419) 422-8238, 301 Center, Findlay, OH 45840. Emergency help with food.

VII. Home Health Agencies & Hospice

See Bridge Home Health & Hospice

At Home Partners- (419) 436-1522, 501 Van Buren St., Fostoria, OH 44830

Care Choices- (419) 423-5352 or 1 (888) 463- 3376, 1400 Sixth St., Findlay, OH 45840, www.bvha.org, Provides personal assistance to individuals who want to remain in their own homes. Services provided by nursing assistants and/or companions. Services include: Assistance with bathing and grooming, helping with oral hygiene, attending to toileting needs, meal preparation, feeding clients, assisting with ambulation, providing transportation for errands and appointments, performing light housekeeping, shopping services, house sitting, pet walking and sitting, laundry assistance, and Companionship and Support. Cost: With the exception of specific Medicaid programs, the client pays the cost for those services. Most insurance policies do not pay for custodial care.

Community Hospice Care 1-800-834-8100, 182 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH 44883

Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice (419) 427-2042, 612 McManness Ave., Findlay, OH 45840 or (419) 585-4311, 208 Washington St., Republic, OH

Home Based Services (A Homemaker Aide Program)- Call Patti Koester (419) 422-0182, ext. 319, at Hancock County Job and Family Services. Homemaker's Service can provide up to 6 hours of service per month. Service may include: Routine Housekeeping (vacuuming, dusting, sweeping, mopping, inside windows, bathroom and kitchen cleanup), Laundry, Change Bed Linens, and Cooking. Services may not include: Health or Personal Care, Heavy lifting or moving, Outdoor Work, Climbing on Ladders, or Transporting People. Who is Eligible? Individuals who are at least 60 years old and have a medical, physical or other condition that hinders ability to do housekeeping chores, and receive a total monthly income under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (Monthly Income Less Than: \$1497 for one person or \$2021 for two persons). Cost of service depends on how much income a household has. A sliding scale is applied.

Home Instead Senior Care- (419) 425- 4472 or 1-888-519-8109, 101 East Sandusky St. Suite 202, Findlay, OH 45840, www.homeinstead.com Affordable Non- Medical Companions & Home Care for Seniors capable of managing their physical needs, but require limited assistance, light housework and /or companionship in order to remain at home. Also available to provide temporary assistance for those family members who on occasion need respite services.

IHS Home Care- (419) 423-1317, 3200 Main St., Findlay, OH 45840

Interim Health Care- (419) 422-5328, 2469 Main St., Findlay, OH 45840

Mercy Home Care- 800-481-7755, 485 W. Market St., Tiffin, OH 44883

Option Care- 800-686-2765, 700 Rockwell Ave., Findlay, OH 45840

TLC Home Nursing- (419) 447-3939, 1935 Washington St., Tiffin, OH 44883

National Organizations

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine- 4700 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60025, (847) 375-4712, Web site: www.aahpm.org

Hospice Association of America- An affiliate of the National Association for Home Care- 228 7th St., SE, Washington, DC 20003-4360, (202) 546-4759, Web site: www.nahc.org/haa

Hospice Education Institute- 190 Westbrook Rd., Essex, CT 06426-1511, (800) 331-1620 (HOSPICELINK) or (203) 767-1620, Web site: www.hospiceworld.org Email: hospiceall@aol.com Provides info and education about hospice and palliative care, and referrals to local hospices nationwide.

Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association- Penn Center West One, Suite 229, Pittsburgh, PA 15276, (412) 787-9301, Web site: www.hpna.org , Email: hpna@hpna.org

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO)- One Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, (630) 792-5000, Web site: www.jcaho.org

National Hospice Foundation (NHF)- 1700 Diagonal Rd., Suite 625, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 516-4928, Web site: www.hospiceinfo.org , email: info@nhpco.org

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization- 1700 Diagonal Road, suite 625, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 837-1500 or (800) 658-8898, (703) 837-1233 (fax), Email: info@nhpco.org Web site: www.nhpco.org Hospice Helpline helps callers find a hospice in their area. Some Spanish-language publications are available, and staff is able to answer calls in Spanish.

Children's Hospice International®, Suite 230, 901 North Pitt St. Alexandria, VA 223314, (703) 684-0330, 1-800-242-4453, Email at: chiorg@aol.com , Web site: <http://www.chionline.org> . Provides a network of support for dying children & families. It serves as a clearinghouse for research programs and support groups, and offers educational materials and training programs on pain management and the care of seriously ill children.

Visiting Nurse Association of America (VNAA)- 11 Beacon St., Suite 910, Boston, MA 021108, (800) 426-2547 (referral line), (888) 866-8773 or (617) 523-4042, Web site: www.vnaa.org Email: vnaa@vnaa.org Provides info on all aspects of home health care, including general nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, medical social service, home health aide and homemaker services, nutritional counseling and hospice care. Callers will be referred to a local VNS for service.

VIII. Medical Equipment & other Supplies

See Cancer Patient Services

See also Blanchard Valley Medical Supply (Under Section XIII. Prosthesis/Wigs)

B& K Home Medical 1-800-346-5786
240 W. Market St., Tiffin, OH 44883

Health II of Ohio- (formerly Medi-Care Orthopedic & Hospital Equipment)- (419) 423-9003 or 1-800-321-7633, 402 Tiffin Ave., Findlay, OH 45840- May need a prescription order to bill Medicaid, Medicare or Insurance for medical supplies such as breast prosthesis, surgical hose/knee- highs, braces and supports, ambulatory products, bath safety, diabetic supplies, etc. *Offices are also located in Bowling Green, Fremont, Oregon, and Sandusky, OH.

Medical Equipment & Supply- (419) 423-9712, 117 E. Wallace St., Findlay, OH, Or Toll- free at 1-800-686-2773, (419) 436-0004, 601 Parkway Dr., Fostoria, OH Provides Home Respiratory Services, Ambulatory Products, Braces and Supports, Mastectomy Products, T.E.N.S., Diabetic Supplies, and Bath Safety/Personal Care items. We can deliver, setup and provide personalized instruction for use of all equipment delivered to your home. We are a Medicare/Medicaid approved provider. Private insurance and BWC are also accepted.

Scarborough Pharmacy & Orthopedic- (419) 423-1513 or 423-7188
1809 S. Main Street, Findlay, OH 45840

*Some fraternal organizations such as the Moose Club, Elks, and Eagles have equipment for members of their families to use.

*Some equipment may be obtained from the Ecumenical Health Ministry, which is in area churches that have joined together and has donated equipment available to use. All information is confidential and there is no fee for services.

IX. Medical Care/Coverage of Medical Care & Legal Issues

See Hancock County Agency on Aging/Senior Center

Caughman Clinic- (419) 427-0809, 1816 Chapel Dr. Suite #1, Findlay, OH 45840
Primary care clinic for Medicare, Medicaid or low income families.

Hancock County Job and Family Services- (419) 425-6375, 7814 County Rd. 140,
Findlay, OH 45840- Can help low-income families seek assistance with Medicaid, Food
Stamps, and Cash Assistance programs.

Health Department – City of Findlay – (419) 424-7105, 445 Clinton Ct.
-Hancock County- (419) 424-7869, 222 Broadway
Public Health Nursing- can get some immunization shots, etc.
Call for an appointment & cost.

Women’s Preventive Healthcare Project- (419) 224-4500, 72 Town Square, Suite C,
Lima, OH 45801- Outside the Lima Area call: 1-800- 901-9727 The Women’s
Preventive Healthcare Project is a program that helps women get mammograms, breast
and pelvic exams, and Pap tests. You can receive these services at no cost if you qualify
for the program.

National Organizations

Americans with Disabilities Act Document Center- Web site:
www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm Provides ADA regulations and documents as well
as links to information about the rights of people disabled by cancer or other diseases.

Hill-Burton Free Hospital Care- 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10C-16, Rockville, MD
20857, (800) 638-0742 (hotline), (301) 443-5656 (office), Web site:
www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfcr Email: dfcrcomm@hrsa.gov Hill-Burton is a program run by the
U.S. Government that can arrange for certain medical facilities or hospitals to provide
free or low-cost care. For info call the hotline or access through the web site by clicking
on “Obtaining Free Care.”

The Life Settlement Alliance Inc.- 200 E. Broward Blvd., Suite 1135, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
33301, (800) 871-9440, Web site: www.lsalliance.com This organization helps people
with life-threatening illnesses sell their existing life insurance policy so they can use the
money now.

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)- 4200 Forbes Blvd., Suite 202,
Lanham, MD 20706, (800) 346-2742 or (301) 459-5900, Web site: www.naric.com
Email: naricinfo@heitechservices.com Information center on disability and rehabilitation.
Searches of the REHABDATA bibliographic database, newsletters, resource guides, and
info on prosthetics and rehab equipment.

Partnership for Caring: America's Voices for the Dying- 1620 Eye St. NW, Suite 202, Washington, D.C. 20006, (800) 989-WILL or (202) 296-8071, (202) 296-8352 (fax), Email: pfc@partnershipforcaring.org Web site: www.partnershipforcaring.org Consumer coalition that provides living wills and medical powers of attorney for all states at no cost on Web site. Provides legal assistance, counseling hotline, pain management, and end-of-life education materials.

Patient Advocate Foundation-753 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Suite B, Newport News, VA 23606, (757) 873-6668 or (800) 532-5274, Email: help@patientadvocate.org Web site: www.patientadvocate.org The PAF provides education, legal counseling, and referrals to cancer patients and survivors concerning managed care, insurance, financial issues, job discrimination, and debt crisis matters.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)- 1-877-KIDS-NOW, Web site: www.insurekidsnow.gov Federal-State partnership offers low-cost or free health insurance coverage to uninsured children of low-wage, working parents. Callers will be referred to the SCHIP program in their state for further information about what the program covers, who is eligible, and the minimum qualifications.

Social Security Administration (SSA)- Office of Public Inquiries, 6401 Security Blvd., Room 4-C-5Annex, Baltimore, MD 21235, (800) 772-1213, Web site: www.ssa.gov The SSA is the U.S. government agency that runs the Social Security program. It also provides info about retirement and disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Medicare.

X. Nursing Homes

Arlington Good Samaritan- (419) 365-5115, P.O. Box 710, Arlington, OH 45814

Autumn Wood Care Center- (419) 447-7151, 670 E. St. Rt. 18, Tiffin, OH 44883

Birchaven Retirement Village- (419) 424-3000, 15100 Birchaven Lane, P.O. Box 1425, Findlay, OH 45840

Blakely Care Center- (419) 257-2421, 600 Sterling Dr., North Baltimore, OH 45872

Bowling Green Manor- (419) 352-4694, 1021 Poe Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402

Eaglewood Care Center- (419) 396-6344, 821 E. Findlay St., Carey, OH 43316

Fox Run Manor- (419) 424-0832, 2101 Greendale Blvd., Findlay, OH 45840

The Good Shepherd- (419) 435-1801, 725 Columbus Ave., Fostoria, OH 44830

The Grand Court- (419) 422-8657, 600 Fox Run Rd., Findlay, OH 45840

The Heritage- (419) 424-1808, 2820 Greenacre Dr., Findlay, OH 45840

Hilty Memorial Home- (419) 384-3218, 5570 St. Rt. 12, Pandora, OH 45877

Independence House- (419) 435-8505, 1000 Independence Rd., Fostoria, OH 44830

Mennonite Memorial Home- (419) 358-1015, 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton, OH 45817

Richland Manor- (419) 643-3161, 7400 Swaney Rd., Bluffton, OH 45817

St. Catherine's Care Centers

Findlay- (419) 422-3978, 8455 County Rd. 140,

Fostoria- (419) 435-8112, 25 Christopher Drive

Tiffin- (419) 447-4662, 2320 Co. Rd. 606

St. Francis Nursing Home- (419) 447-7232, 182 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH 44883

Wood County Nursing Home- (419) 353-8411, 11080 E. Gypsy Lane, BG, OH 43402

Judson Palmer Home- (419) 422-9656, 2911 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840

*Residential home for women of Hancock County 55 years and older.

XI. Parish Nurses/Churches

***Contact your church to talk with a Parish Nurse or the Ecumenical Health Ministry.**

XII. Prescription Medication

See Cancer Patient Services, Hancock County Agency on Aging/Senior Center & Hancock Christian Clearing House

Kroger stores- gives 5% discount to Golden Buckeye Cardholders when paying for your prescriptions on Wednesdays only.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturing- 1-800-762-4636

Rx For Ohio- Visit us online at www.RxForOhio.org, or call toll free 1-877-RX-4-OHIO. Log on today to discover programs that cover more than 1,400 prescription medicines provided by 325 patient assistance programs all from 1 central point of access. Need to know the 1) Patient's age 2) Estimated gross annual income of patient's household, 3) Name of the prescription medicine(s) the patient needs, and 4) Type of government, health insurance and/or prescription drug coverage. This service is free and confidential.

Salvation Army – (419) 422-8238, 301 Center, Findlay, OH 45840
Socialization activities as well as emergency help with food, gas, and prescriptions.

Society for the Handicapped- (419) 423-3175, Findlay, OH
Help with prescriptions

Other web sites or programs to check for help:

www.needymeds.com – Information source, Can get patient assistance applications on the Web site.

Anzemet.com- Web site: www.anzemet.com Find up-to-date information about Anzemet® (dolasetron mesylate), plus resources for patient support, caregiver education, and side-effect management.

Directory of Prescription Drug Patient Assistance Programs- (202) 835-3400, Web site: www.phrma.org/searchcures/dpdpap Sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, this directory lists programs that provide drugs for patients who cannot otherwise afford them.

Taxotere.com- www.taxotere.com Information about Taxotere® (docetaxel). Also features oncology resources, glossary of cancer terms, and information about treatment.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration Center for Evaluation and Research- www.fda.gov/cder/cancer Features a variety of information related to cancer and approved cancer drug therapies, as well as reference tools and a patient liaison program.

The following is a listing of Medication Manufacturers' Indigent Drug Programs, which provide medications to people who cannot afford to pay for them. Your physician must apply to these programs on your behalf. You can call to obtain the applications and information. Amounts and eligibility vary greatly from program to program.

3M Pharmaceuticals- (800) 328-0255, Products include: Most drug products sold by 3M Pharmaceuticals in the U.S.

Abbott Laboratories Pharmaceutical Division- (800) 222-6885, Products include: Isoptin, Mavik, Rythmol, Synthroid, and Tarka

Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. – (888) 777-6637

Allergan, Inc.- (800) 347-4500 ext. 7791, Allergan Patient Assistance Program, Products include: Alphagan, Betagen, and Epifrin

Alza Pharmaceuticals- (800) 577-3788, Products include: Doxil, Ethyol, Mycelex, Troche, Progestasert, Testoderm, and Urispas

Amgen – (800) 272-9376, Web site: www.amgen.com, Products include: Epogen (only for patients on dialysis), Neupogen

AstraZeneca- (800) 424-3727, Web site: www.astrazeneca-us.com , Products include: Arimidex, Casodex, Nolvadex, Zoladex

Aventis- (800) 221-4025, or (800) 207-8049 (Customer Info Line), Aventis Oncology Providing Access to Cancer Therapy (PACT) Program (800) 996-6626, Email: ePACT@parexel.com Products include: Anzemet, Taxotere

Baxter Healthcare Corporation- (800) 548-4448, Products include: Gammagard IGIV

Bayer Corporation- (800) 998-9180, Products include: Adalat, Adalat CC, Anaguard, Anakit, Baycol, Biltricide, Chlo-amine, Cipro, Cipro IV, Cortdome Suppositories, Domepaste Bandages, DTIC Dome, Mezlan, Mithracin MRV, Nimotop, Precose, Stilphostrol, Tridesilon, Zenomil Maintenance

Berlex Laboratories- (800) 473-5832, Products include: Compath, Fludara

Biogen, Inc.- (800) 456-2255, Products include: Avonex

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.- (800) 274-8651, Products include: All products covered except controlled substances

Bristol-Myers Squibb- (800) 272-4878, Products include: Bicnu (BCNU), Blenoxane, Ceenu (CNU), Hydrea, Ifex/Mesna, Lysodren, Megace, Mutamycin, Paraplatin, Platinol, Rubex, Taxol, Vepesid, Videx

Centocor, Inc.- (800) 964-8345, Products include: Remicade

Conva Tec- A Bristol- Myers Squibb Company- (800) 422-8811, Convatec is a manufacturer of ostomy, wound care, and incontinence products.

DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company- (800) 474-2762, Products include: All non-controlled prescription products

Eisai Inc.- (800) 226-2072, Products include: Aricept

Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.- (800) 528-4362 (patients), (800) 621-4835 (physicians/staff), Products include: Mysoline, Zonegran

Eli Lilly and Company- (800) 545-6962, Web site: www.elililly.com Products include: Most Lilly products and insulins except controlled substances

Fujisawa- (800) 477-6472, Products include: Prograf

Gastron Patient Assistance Program- (888) 963-3382, Products include: Gastrocrom oral concentrate, Valstar

Genentech, Inc.- (800) 879-4747, Web site: www.genentech.com, Products include: Herceptin, Rituxan

Genetics Institute, Inc.- (888) 999-2349, Products include: Benefix Coagulation Factor IX (Recombinant)

Glaxo Smith Kline- (800) 722-9294, Web site: www.gsk.com/index.htm Products include: Aleran, Leukeran, Myleran, Navelbine, Purinethol, Zofran, Zovirax, Zyban and all other Glaxo Wellcome products. Indigent Drug Plan: Called Commitment to Access, www.commitmenttoaccess.gsk.com , or call: 1-8-ONCOLOGY-1 Monday- Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET.

Immunex- (800) 466-8639 or (206) 587-0430, Products include: Leukine, Novantrone

Janssen- (800) 652-6227, Products include: Duragesic, Nizoral tablets, Sporanox capsules

Liposome Company, Inc.- (800) 335-5476 – Financial Assistance Program, Products include: Abelcet

Merck & Co., Inc.- (800) NSC-MERCK (672-6372), Products include: Many Merck products

Nabi (formerly Univax)- (800) 789-2099, Products include: WinRho SDF

Novartis- (800) 277-2254, Products include: Aredia, Clorazil, Desferal, Diovan, Femara, Gleevec, Lamisil, Lamprene, Lescol, Lotensin, Lotensin HCT, Lotrel, Metopirone, Micalcin, Migranal, Vivelle, Voltaren XR 100 mg

Organon Inc.- (888) 241-8812, Fertility “Gold Star” Program

Ortho Biotech- (800) 553-3851, Products include: Leustatin, Procrit

Ortho- McNeil Pharmaceutical- (800) 281-5192, Products include: Ultram

Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals, Inc. – (800) 242-7014, Products include: Pletal tablets

Parke-Davis- (908) 725-1247, Products include: Most Park-Davis Medications

Pfizer Inc.- (800) 646-4455, Products include: Diflucan and all other Pfizer products

Pharmacia Corporation- (800) 242-7014, Products include: selected products

Proctor & Gamble Pharmaceuticals, Inc.- (800) 448-4878, Products include: Actonel, Ascol, Dantrium capsules, Didronel, Macrobid, Macrochantin

Purdue Frederick- (888) 278-7383 (Physicians only), Products include: MS Contin, MSIR, Oxy Contin, OXYIR, OXYFAST

Roche Laboratories- (800) 443-6676 – OncoLine/Helpline, Products include: Kytril, Roferon-A, Vesanoïd, Xeloda

Roxane Laboratories, Inc.- (800) 556-8317, Products include: OramorpSR, Roxanol, Roxicodone

Sankyo Pharma- (866) 268-7327, Products include: Welchol

Sanofi-Sythelabo, Inc.- (800) 446-6267 (choose option 2 twice), Products include: Aralen, Danocrine, Drisdol, Hytakerol, Mytelase, NegGram, pHisoHex, Primaquine, Skelid

Schering Laboratories/Key Pharmaceuticals- (800) 521-7157, Products include: Eulexin, Intron-A, Peg-Intron, Rebetol, Rebetron, Timodar

Serono Laboratories, Inc.- (781) 982-9000, Products include: Metrodin (FSH)

Sigma-Tau Pharmaceuticals, Inc. NORD- Matulane Patient Assistance Program- Contact (203) 746-6518 – Michele McCourt, Products include: Matulane

Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals- (800) 699-3806, Oncology Access to Care Program, Products include: Hycamtin

Solvay-Unimed Pharmaceuticals-(800) 256-8918, Products include: All Solvay products

Takeda Pharmaceuticals America- (877) TAKEDA-7, Products include: ACTOS

Tap Pharmaceuticals- (800) 453-8438, Products include: Lupron

Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories- Indigent Patient Program: John E. James, Professional Services IPP, 150 Radnor Chester Rd., St. Davids, PA 19087, Products include: Various products (not including Schedule II, III, IV products)

XIII. Prosthesis/Wigs

See Cancer Patient Services

A Catalog for Women with Cancer- <http://www.tlccatalog.org> offers a variety of products that can help ease the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment including: hats and turbans; wigs and hairpieces; breast forms and prostheses; bathing suits; pre-pocketed bras and lingerie; and accessories.

babushkah™- available at www.wearitwell.org STS designs, turbans to wear for special occasions or just to feel dressy

The Beauty Bar- (419) 422-1637, 1809 Logan Ave., Findlay, OH 45840
Complete line of wigs and supplies, hours by appointment.

Blanchard Valley Medical Equipment & Supply- (419) 423-9712, 1400 Sixth St., Findlay, OH 45840, Has wigs and various medical equipment

Fostoria Community Hospital Oncology Department has some wigs available for free, call (419) 436-6646 for more information.

Health II of Ohio (formerly Medi-Care Orthopedic & Hospital Equipment)- (419) 423-9003 or 1-800-321-7633, 402 Tiffin Ave., Findlay, OH 45840- May need a prescription order to bill Medicaid, Medicare or Insurance for medical supplies such as breast prosthesis. *Offices also located in Bowling Green, Fremont, Oregon, and Sandusky, OH.

Just In Time™- Soft Hats for Spring & Summer- Just In Time, Inc. P.O. Box 27506, Philadelphia, PA 19118, (215) 247- 8777 www.softhats.com Order by mail, phone or fax.

Lands' End- 800-356-4444 or www.landsend.com Mastectomy prosthesis- ready swimsuits are available, ranging from \$60 to \$80 each.

Plastic Surgery Information Service- 888-4PLASTIC (888-475-2784) or 800-635-0635 or www.plasticsurgery.org The Web site has information on cosmetic and reconstructive procedures and will help you find certified plastic surgeons in your area. You can also call for referrals.

That Special Woman- (419) 536-6202, 2461 N. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43615
Open Monday- Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Evenings by appointment only. That Special Woman is Toledo's first mastectomy boutique providing private professional service for your mastectomy and/or chemotherapy needs in pleasant feminine surroundings. We offer a variety of breast prosthesis in many sizes, colors, shapes, and prices. We carry in-stock sizes of bras ranging from 32AA to 48 H.

We also have swimwear, lingerie, and other items to make you feel pretty. We can come to you if you are too ill to come to us. A doctor's prescription is necessary to finalize the claim. We suggest an appointment for our initial fitting. A first fitting may take 45 minutes to an hour.

Wigs for Kids- Executive Club Bldg., 21330 Center Ridge Road, Suite C, Rocky River, OH 44116, (440) 333-4433, Web site: www.wigsforkids.org/ Provider of free or reduced-price wigs, accessories or styling services.

Women's Healthcare Educational Network, Inc.- P.O. Box 5061, Tiffin, OH 44883, (800) 991-8877, Organization of independent businesses that specialize in serving women who have had breast surgery. Provides info and referrals to physicians, nurses, and managed care providers, specialty items like wigs, maternity and nursing products, compression therapy products, and prostheses, etc.

Y-ME Wig and Prosthesis Bank- 800-221-2141, This large foundation offers free breast prostheses and wigs to women in financial need. Call to see if you qualify for the program.

XIV. Shelter

Local

See Hancock County Agency on Aging/Senior Center & Hancock Christian Clearing House

Associated Charities- (419) 423-2021, 233 South Main St., Findlay, OH 45840
Last resort help for rent and utilities.

City Mission- (419) 423-9151, 510 West Main cross, Findlay, OH 45840
Homeless Shelter, emergencies up to 7 days.

Community Action Commission (CAC)-(419) 423-3755, 122 Jefferson, Findlay, OH
Home energy assistance, housing services, public transportation.

National

Ronald McDonald House- Ronald McDonald House Charities, One Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60523, (630) 623-7048, (630) 623-7488 (fax), Web site: www.rmhc.org Offers a refuge from the hospital, a "home-away-from-home." Is a national network of temporary housing facilities for families of children hospitalized with life-threatening illnesses. Many states and major cities have "Ronald McDonald Houses." Call for locations, service info and eligibility.

Gilda's Club®, Inc.- suite 1402, 322 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10001, (917) 305-1200, Email: info@gildasclub.org Web site: www.gildasclub.org International network where men, women, and children with cancer and their families and friends join with others to build social and emotional support as a supplement to medical care in a free, nonresidential, home-like setting. People with all kinds and stages of cancer are welcome in 16 locations open worldwide.

National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses, Inc.- P.O. Box 18087, Asheville, NC 28814-0087, (800) 542-9730 or (828) 253-1188, Web site: www.nahhh.org Email: healthyhomes@nahhh.org NAHHH represents a national network of "Hospital Hospitality Houses," giving free or low-cost temporary housing to families or patients receiving treatment away from home. Other services usually offered. Call for an HHH in your area.

XV. Support/Support Groups

Local Support Groups

Contact the American Cancer Society for support programs scheduled throughout the year.

Cancer Support Group for Women-meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 740 Eastern Avenue, Fostoria, OH 44830. For more information contact: Ruth Pickens at (419) 435-1319.

Cancer Survivors Support Group- meets every Tuesday from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. at the Blanchard Valley Regional Cancer Center (BVRCC) at 12990 Medical Center Drive, Findlay, OH 45840. (Right off of St. Rt. 224) – co-sponsored by Cancer Patient Services.

Kids Helping Kids- Meets on the third Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Blanchard Valley Regional Cancer Center (for address-see above)- co-sponsored by Cancer Patient Services.

Man To Man- Prostate Cancer and You- meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at Fremont and Perry Street in Fostoria, OH. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society. For more information call 1-888-ACS-OHIO.

Men's Bereavement Breakfast- 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of each month; 8:00 a.m. Open to Men who have lost a Spouse. Call (419) 423-5351 for more information. Sponsored by Bridge Home Health & Hospice. (In Findlay, OH)

Wood County Support Groups- (419) 352- 9808, call for dates & times

Support Group- Children's Grief- (419) 422-8616, Findlay OH- Contact the Family Resource Center for more information on their support groups available.

Support Group- Children's Grief- (419) 523-5951, P.O. Box 190, Ottawa, OH 45875
A referral source for children/youth who have suffered the loss of a parent or significant adult or sibling. Co-sponsors annual grief camp for children

State of Ohio Support Groups

BMT- Bone Marrow Transplantation- Support group held at the Ronald McDonald house, 10415 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111 on the second Monday of each month from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Cancer Family Care (Central Office)- 2421 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45219, (513) 731-3346, web site: www.cancerfamilycare.org

Gilda's Club- Northern Ohio- 331 Lake Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004, (440) 998-GLDA (4532)

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society- Central Ohio: 145 N. High St., Suite 800, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 221-3129 Northern Ohio: 20525 Center Ridge Rd., Suite 630, Cleveland, OH 44116, (440) 333-5033 Southern Ohio: Fourth and Race Towers, 105 W. Fourth St., Suite 900, Cincinnati, OH 45246, (513) 361-2100

Leukemia & Lymphoma Support Group- (440) 333-5033, 18200 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111, Held at the Moll Center for Cancer Care & Prevention the first Thursday each month from 7- 8 p.m.

The Group Room® - 1-800- 477-7666- The only talk radio cancer support group coming to the Columbus, OH area. If you, a friend, or a loved one is dealing with cancer, call and participate. It airs every Sunday 7:00-8:00 a.m. on WMRN 1490 AM and live 4-6 p.m. ET on the World Wide Web at www.vitaloptions.org. To e-mail us: info@vitaloptions.org. To receive station updates or to leave messages for Vital Options or The Group Room, call 1-818-508-5657.

The Victory Center- (419) 382-6600, 1041 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43615
FAX- (419) 382- 1087, www.thevictorycenter.org
Our sole purpose is to supplement conventional medical treatment with free support services that focus on strengthening the inner resources of the cancer patient and their family. Programs are held in a comfortable homelike setting and are presented by licensed professionals with credentials appropriate to their specialty. Programs include: support groups for cancer patients and their families; educational programs and specialty speakers; gentle exercise, massage and relaxation classes; opportunities to enhance self-awareness and spirituality; and programs specifically designed for children with cancer.

The Wellness Community- Columbus: 65 Ceramic Dr., Columbus, OH 43214, (614) 263-5012, Web site: www.wellnesscolumbus.org Email: info@columbuscancerclinic.org

Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization- (greater Dayton area)- 1 Wyoming St., Dayton, OH 45409, (937) 208-2024

National Support Groups

Association of Cancer Online Resources- Web site: www.acor.org Lists online discussion sites and support groups for people with cancer.

AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network- P.O. Box 221644, Charlotte, NC 28222-2157, (866) 992-9276, (866) 279-0709 (fax). Provides product and medical information, individual insurance coverage and benefits, procedures for submitting and appealing claims, letters of medical necessity, alternate coverage options available, and claims coding procedures. Can speak to a specialist personally, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Specialists can help in English, Spanish, and other languages.

Cancer Care, Inc.- National Office, 275 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001, (212) 302-2400, 1-800-813-HOPE, email at info@cancercare.org Web site: <http://www.cancercare.org>. Provides services face to face, by telephone, and online. Services include: support, information, and financial assistance. A section of the Web site and some publications are in Spanish, and staff can respond to calls and e-mails in Spanish.

CancerSource.com- www.cancersource.com Provides users with interactive community opportunities such as live chat events, message boards, mailing lists and support groups, as well as online resources.

Cancer Support Resources- www.thecancer.info The Cancer Information Network provides general cancer information, links, types of treatment, symptoms of cancer, and answers to questions related to cancer.

Cancer Hope Network- Two North Road, Chester, NJ 07930, (877) 467-3638, or 1-877-HOPENET, Email at infor@cancerhopenetwork.org, Web site: <http://www.cancerhopenetwork.org>. Provides support by matching with trained volunteers who have had a similar cancer experience.

Cancervive- 11636 Chayote St., Los Angeles, CA 90049, (800) 4-TO-CURE or (310) 203-9232, Web site: www.cancervive.org Email: cancervive@aol.com Cancervive helps cancer survivors overcome the challenges of “life after cancer” with support groups, educational materials, insurance information and assistance, and advocacy for cancer survivors.

Coping Magazine- P.O. Box 682268, Franklin, TN 37068-2268, (615) 790-2400, Web site: www.copingmag.com Email: copingmag@aol.com Coping is a BI-monthly national magazine for cancer patients, families, and oncology professionals. Contact for subscription prices.

Dave Dravecky's Outreach of Hope- 13840 Gleneagle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921, (719) 481- 3528, (719) 481- 4689 (fax)- email: info@OutreachOfHope.org Web site: www.OutreachOfHope.org Offers comfort, encouragement and hope through the love of Jesus Christ to those suffering from cancer or amputation. Provides prayer support, correspondence, resource referral and the gift of encouraging literature.

GriefNet Support Groups- www.griefnet.org- Different support groups listed by topic, operate 24-hours/day, 365 days/year. Members participate when they wish and are able to, not at a set time. When one member of a group sends an email message to the group, everyone in the group receives a copy. This allows many people to respond with love and caring to the thoughts and feelings of an individual, day and night, year-round. Since 1994, these groups have helped thousands of people around the world deal safely with their grief. All groups are monitored by trained volunteers who make sure that the groups are running smoothly. Backing them up are Stephen Cox, our on-line Support Groups Administrator, and Cendra Lynn, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and grief therapist. GriefNet is supported by donations by the users. It is recommended to donate \$5 per month for each support group you join.

Lance Armstrong Foundation – 2901 Bee Caves Road, Box L, Austin, TX 78746, (512) 236-8820, (512) 236-8482 (fax), Web site: www.laf.org Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people living with, through and beyond cancer. Activities focus on survivorship resources and support, groundbreaking survivorship programs, national advocacy initiatives, and scientific and clinical research grants.

Living With It- Call 877-548-4649 to register for the program. Web site: www.livingwithit.org Online support for patients living with breast or lung cancer.

Mautner Project For Lesbians With Cancer- 1707 L Street NW, Suite 230, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 332-5536, (202) 332-0662 (fax), Email: mautner@mautnerproject.org Web site: www.mautnerproject.org Provides support, education, information and advocacy for health issues relating to lesbians with cancer and their families.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS)- 1010 Wayne Ave., Suite 770, Silver Spring, MD 20910-5600, (877) 622-7937, Web site: www.canceradvocacy.org Network of groups and individuals that offer support to cancer survivors and their loved ones. Provides information and resources on cancer support, advocacy, and quality of life issues. A section of the NCCS web site and a limited selection of publications are available in Spanish.

National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA)- 10400 Connecticut Ave., Suite 500, Kensington, MD 20895-3944, (800) 896-3650 or (301) 942-6430, Web site: www.nfcacares.org Email: info@nfcacares.org Provides educational and emotional support for family caregivers.

R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation, Inc.- 4435 Main St., Suite 500, Kansas City, MO 64111, (816) WE-BUILD or (800) 433-0464, Email: hotline@hrblock.com Web site: www.blochcancer.org The foundation matches newly diagnosed cancer patients with trained, home-based volunteers who have been treated for the same type of cancer. They also distribute informational materials, including a multidisciplinary list of institutions that offer second opinions. Information is available in Spanish.

United Laryngectomy Association- contact the American Cancer Society or 1(212) 371-2900 (New York, New York) for group closest to you. Offer support and rehabilitation for patients, not all have cancer.

United Ostomy Association- 1-213-413-5510 – call for group closest to you. For patients who have had a colostomy, ileostomy or urostomy. Not all have had cancer.

The Wellness Community- 919 18th Street NW, Suite 54, Washington, D.C. 20006, (888) 793-WELL or (202) 659- 9709, (202) 659-9301 (fax), Email: help@thewellnesscommunity.org, Web site: www.thewellnesscommunity.org. Provides free professional programs of support, education and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones with 22 facilities nationwide.

Well Spouse Foundation- 610 Lexington Ave., Suite 208, New York, NY 10016, (800) 838-0879 or (212) 685-8815, Web site: www.wellspouse.org Email: wellspouse@aol.com Membership organization providing emotional support and info to the “well spouse” or the caregiver of the chronically ill. Provides a newsletter, local support groups, “round robin” letter writing, an annual weekend conference, and bereavement counseling.

Chat room for cancer patients, friends or family members of people who have cancer- <http://www.oncochat.org>

XVI. Transportation

Local Transportation

See American Cancer Society, Cancer Patient Services & Hancock Christian Clearing House.

Community Action Commission (CAC, also known as HATS)- (419) 423-3755, 122 Jefferson, Findlay, OH. Home energy assistance, housing services, public transportation. Provides transportation for a small fee. Has certain days for city residents and county residents, call for an appointment.

Hancock County Job & Family Services – Can transport Medicaid eligible persons to medical appointments, if there is no other means of transportation. – Contact information under section IX. Medical Care, Coverage of Medical Care, & Legal Issues.

SCAT- Seneca County Area Transportation (419) 937-2428 or 448-7344
Cost is \$1 in town, \$3 out of town, *If wheelchair or help needed with walking \$3 in town, \$5 out of town- Does work in Fostoria City limits also

Seneca County Commission on Aging- (419) 435-0436, 123 N. Main St., Fostoria, OH 44830, Free, but call to arrange scheduling in advance to guarantee transportation.

National Transportation

Corporate Angel Network, Inc. (CAN)- One Loop Road, Westchester County Airport, White Plains, NY 10604, (866) 328- 1313, (914) 328- 3938 (fax), Email: info@corpangelnetwork.org, Web site: www.corpangelnetwork.org. Arranges free air transportation for cancer patients and bone marrow donors to/from cancer treatment centers nationwide by using the empty seats aboard corporate aircraft traveling on routine business. There are no financial requirements or limits on the number of flights. Patients must be able to walk and travel without any support systems.

National Patient Travel Center- 4620 Haygood Road, Suite 1, Virginia Beach, VA 23455, (800) 296-1217, (757) 318-9107 (fax), Email: npathmsg@aol.com Web site: www.PatientTravel.org Makes referrals to charitable, charitably assisted and special discounted patient medical air transport services based on an evaluation of patients' needs.

XVII. Additional Resources/ other Contacts/Web Addresses

FACT- Financial Assistance for Cancer Treatment

How to contact us: Call: (419) 937-2510, email: fact1990@yahoo.com, or write to FACT, P.O. Box 624, Tiffin, OH 44883. FACT is a non-profit agency dedicated to helping residents of Seneca County, who have been diagnosed as having cancer. Financial assistance includes: transportation, medications, chemotherapy, radiation treatments and various rehabilitation supplies such as ostomy supplies, mastectomy supplies, prosthetics, hair pieces, dressings and other home health care supplies, and nutritional supplements.

Roche Pharmaceuticals

Information about Kytril (a nausea medication), resources and support for you and your family, an online, interactive, self-assessment tool, inspiring patient success stories, and simple tips to help you feel better. www.kytril.com other useful information can be found at www.cancernausea.com

A. Bone Marrow Organizations

A Touch Of Comfort- P.O. Box 1085, Orange, CT 06477, (203) 795-6148, Web site: www.atochofcomfort.org This nonprofit was formed by a cancer patient to help others feel more at home while hospitalized due to stem cell or bone marrow transplant procedures.

Blood & Marrow Transplant Information Network- 2900 Skokie Valley Rd., Suite B, Highland Park, IL 60035, (847) 433-3313, Web site: www.bmtnews.org Email: help@bmtnews.org BMT InfoNet is a non-profit organization that provides publications and support services to bone marrow, peripheral blood stem cell, and cord blood transplant patients and survivors. Publishes a quarterly newsletter, a resource directory, and a “patient-to-survivor” telephone link. Phone 24-hours a day and leave message on voicemail.

National Bone Marrow Transplant Link- 20411 West 12 Mile Road, Suite 108, Southfield, MI 48076, (800) LINK-BMT or (248) 358-1889, (248) 358-1889 (fax), Email: nbmtlink@aol.com Web site: www.nbmtlink.org. Provides peer support to BMT patients and families and serves as a resource center for BMT patients and health professionals. Offers four educational booklets and a video.

National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP)- 3001 Broadway St., NE., Suite 500, Minneapolis, MN 55413-1753, (612) 627-5800 or (800) MARROW-2, or (888) 999-6743 (Office of Patient Advocacy) Web site: www.marrow.org Facilitates unrelated blood stem cell transplants and maintains a Registry of nearly 5 million volunteer donors, offers matching services and patient services and conducts research.

B. Brain Tumor Organizations

American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA)- Suite 146, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018, (847) 827-9910, or 1-800-886-2282, Email at info@abta.org , Web site: <http://www.abta.org> ABTA offers brain tumor research, printed materials about research and treatment, and provides listings of physicians, treatment facilities, and support groups throughout the country. (Some Spanish-language publications are available.)

Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation (CBTF)- 274 Madison Ave., Suite 1301, New York, NY 10016, (866) CBTHOPE or (212) 448-9494, Web site: www.cbtf.org Email: cbtfny@aol.com CBTF is a non-profit organization that funds basic research on pediatric brain tumors. Provides a monthly support group for parents who have a child with a brain or spinal cord tumor, a resource guide, and a newsletter.

The Brain Tumor Society- Suite 3-H, 124 Watertown St., Watertown, MA, 02472, (617) 924-9997, 1-800-7770-TBTS, Email at info@tbts.org, Web site: www.tbts.org TBTS provides information about brain tumors and related conditions; offer a patient/family telephone network; educational publications; funding for research projects, and access to support groups for patients.

National Brain Tumor Foundation- Suite 700, 414 Thirteenth St., Oakland, CA 94612-2603, (510) 839-9777 or (800) 934-2873, Email: nbtf@braintumor.org Web site: www.braintumor.org NABTF provides patients and their families with information on how to cope, printed materials, a newsletter, offers contact with other brain tumor patients, and a listing of support groups. Raises funds for brain tumor research. Staff is available to answer calls in Spanish, and some Spanish-language publications are available.

C. Breast Cancer Organizations

African American Breast Cancer Alliance (AABCA)- (612) 825-3675 or (612) 925-2772, Web site: www.geocities.com/aabcainc/

Breast cancer.org- Web site: www.breastcancer.org To help women and their loved ones make sense of the complex medical and personal information about breast cancer, so they can make the best decisions for their lives.

www.breastcancerprevention.com – Can direct you to a U.S. federally funded clinical trial. It also uses a computerized formula that can evaluate your personal and medical risk factors and estimate your risk of developing breast cancer in the next five years and in your lifetime. These estimates are individual and relate only to you.

ENCORE^{Plus®} - YWCA of the USA, Office of Women's Health Advocacy, Suite 700, 1015 18th St., NW., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 467-0801 or 1(800) 953- 7587, Email: cgoald@ywca.org , Web site: www.ywca.org ENCORE^{Plus®} is the YWCA's discussion and exercise program for women who have had breast cancer surgery. It is designed to help restore physical strength and emotional well being. A local branch of the YWCA, listed in the telephone directory, can provide more information about the program.

The Feminist Majority Foundation's Breast Cancer Site- Web site: www.feminist.org/other/bc/bchome.html Includes news, information, research updates, and advocacy.

Kettering Breast Evaluation Center- 580 Lincoln Park Blvd., Suite 200, Kettering, OH 45429, (937) 299-0099, Offers screening for mammograms by appointment to minority women 45 years and older who have never had a mammogram. Educational sessions on breast cancer, mammography, breast self-examination, and diet/lifestyle as related to breast cancer are also presented to the public. The project targets economically disadvantaged minorities. The Kettering Evaluation Center provides a report on minority health, statistics on the minority women who participated in the mammography screening program, news releases, and a brochure on breast cancer.

Living Beyond Breast Cancer- 888-753-5222 Web site: www.lbbc.org living Beyond Breast Cancer offers support and information to women who have survived or are battling breast cancer. They sponsor educational programs and provide online access to interactive message boards, educational audiotapes, and videotapes.

MAMM Magazine- 54 W. 22nd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10010, (212) 243-2916, Web site: www.mamm.com Magazine focusing on breast cancer awareness issues.

Mothers Supporting Daughters with Breast Cancer (MSDBC)- 21710 Bayshore Rd., Chestertown, MD 21620-4401, (410) 778-1982, Web site: www.mothersdaughters.org Email: msdbc@dmv.com MSDBC helps women whose daughters have breast cancer, so they can better help their daughters cope with the disease and treatment. Call for information and handbook.

National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO) – 10th Floor, Nine East 37th St., New York, NY 10016, (212) 889-0606 or 1(888) 806-2226, email NABCOinfo@aol.com Web site: www.nabco.org Information and education resource on breast cancer and a national force in patient advocacy, including regulatory change, legislation and clinical advances.

National Breast Cancer Coalition- 1707 L St. NW, Suite 1060, Washington, D.C. 20036, (800) 622-2838 or (202) 296-7477, (202) 265-6854 (fax), Web site: www.stopbreastcancer.org A grassroots organization dedicated to ending breast cancer through action and advocacy.

National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program- CDC/DCPC, 4770 Buford Hwy, NE, MS K64, Atlanta, GA 30341, (888) 842-6355, Web site: www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/ Email: cancerinfo@cdc.gov The NBCCEDP, a program from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, provides screening services including clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams, and Pap tests, to underserved women. Also funds post-screening diagnostic services, such as surgical consultation and biopsy, to ensure that all women with abnormal results receive timely and adequate referrals.

Sisters Network, Inc.- 8787 Woodway Drive, Suite 4206, Houston, TX 77063, (713) 781-0255, (713) 780-8998 (fax), Email: sisnet4@aol.com , Web site: www.sistersnetworkinc.org An African-American breast cancer survivorship organization that provides individual/group support, community education, advocacy and research through affiliate chapters nationwide.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation- 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244, (800) I'M AWARE®, (972) 855-1605 (fax), Web site: www.komen.org, Dedicated to eradicating breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment. Awards millions of dollars annually in research grants, fellowships and non-duplicative, community-based breast health and breast cancer outreach programs.

Women's Information Network Against Breast Cancer (WIN ABC)- 536 S. Second Ave., Suite K, Covina, CA 91723, (866) 294-6222 or (626) 332-2255, Web site: www.winabc.org The mission of the Women's Information Network is to increase public awareness about breast cancer and the resources available to women with breast cancer. The site includes information on breast health, breast cancer, and healthcare options.

Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization- 212 W. Van Buren, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60607, (800) 221-2141 (24 hour), (800) 986-9505 (24 hour Spanish), Email: help@y-me.org, Web site: www.y-me.org. Provides peer counseling on a 24-hour hotline. Offers educational workshops, wig and prosthesis banks and support groups. Services available vary per community.

D. Children with Cancer

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation (CCCCF)- P.O. Box 498, Kensington, MD 20895, (301) 962-3520 or 1-800-366-2223, Email at info@candlelighters.org Web site: <http://www.candlelighters.org> . Provides information, peer support, and advocacy through publications, etc.

The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc.- 1052 Flagtree Lane, Baltimore, MD 21208, (410) 486-4744, Web site: www.childrenscancerfoundation.org The foundation funds children's cancer research and builds cancer facilities. It accepts tax-deductible contributions and has given grants of more than \$16 million to date.

The Children's Cause, Inc.- 1010 Wayne Ave., Suite 770, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 562-2765, Web site: www.childrenscause.org Email: questions@childrenscause.org

Dedicated to accelerating the discovery and access to innovative, safer, and more effective treatments for childhood cancer through education and advocacy.

Children's Organ Transplant Association, Inc. (COTA)- 2501 COTA Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403, (800) 366-2682 or (812) 336-8872, Web site: www.cota.org Email: cota@cota.org COTA assists children needing life-saving transplants and promotes organ, tissue, and bone marrow donation.

Hole in the Wall Gang Camp- 565 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278, (860) 429-3444, Web site: www.holeinthewallgang.org Email: ashford@holeinthewallgang.org Started and funded by actor Paul Newman. It is a summer camp for children with cancer and/or serious blood diseases.

Kids Cancer Network- P.O. Box 4545, Santa Barbara, CA 93140, (623) 551-9330 (fax), Email: info@kidscancernetwork.org, Web site: www.kidscancernetwork.org. The web site contains a BI-monthly FUNLETTER magazine (also in Spanish), resource center, Affection Connection appreciation certificates for medical caretakers, pen-friend program, prayer network and "your story" sharing area.

Kids Konected- 27071 Cabot Road, Suite 102, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, 1(800) 899-2866, or (949) 582-5443, (949) 582-3989 (fax), Email: info@kidsconnected.org Web site: www.kidskonected.org Provides friendship, education, and support to kids who have a parent with cancer.

KidsCope- (404) 233-0001, Web site: www.kidscope.org Provides educational materials to help children cope with changes in the family when a parent has cancer.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of America-National Office, 3550 North Central Ave., Suite 300, Phoenix, AZ 80012, (800) 722-WISH (722-9474), or (602) 279-9474, Web site: www.wish.org Email: mawfa@wish.org Foundation that grants “special wishes” to children (up to 18) who have a life-threatening illness.

National Cancer Institute Pediatric Oncology Branch- (301) 496-4256 or (877) 624-4878, Web site: www.home.ccr.cancer.gov/oncology/pediatric Provides patients, families and physicians with an overview of the type of treatments available to kids with cancer and of the research conducted at the Pediatric Oncology Branch.

National Childhood Cancer Foundation- 440 East Huntington Drive, P.O. Box 60012, Arcadia, CA 91066-6012, (626) 447-1674 or (800) 458-6223, Email: nccf-info@nccf.org Web site: www.nccf.org Supports the research and treatment programs of the Children’s Oncology Group at over 235 member-institutions in North America and abroad. Also advocates for children with cancer and their families. A limited selection of Spanish-language publications is available.

National Children’s Cancer Society- 1015 Locust, Suite 600, St. Louis, MO 63101, (800) 532-6459, Web site: www.children-cancer.com/ Non-profit organization that provides children (from birth to 18 years) with cancer and their families with emotional support and direct financial support for cancer-related expenses. (Financial and in-kind assistance, advocacy, support services, education and prevention programs).

Parents Against Cancer (PAC)- Web site: www.parentsagainstcancer.com PAC is for people who have been touched by childhood cancer and blood disorders. The Web site has updates on what is happening at hospitals and in outpatient settings.

STARBRIGHT Foundation- Suite 500, 11835 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064, (310) 479-1212 or (800) 315-2580, Email: ford@starbright.org, Web site: www.starbright.org. Creates projects that are designed to help seriously ill children and adolescents cope with psychosocial and medical challenges they face. Produces educational CD-ROMs and videos. All materials are available to children, adolescents, and their families free of charge. Staff can respond to calls in Spanish.

Starlight Children’s Foundation- 5900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2530, Los Angeles, CA 90036, (800) 274-7827 or (323) 634-0080, Web site: www.starlight.org Grants the “special wishes” of critically, chronically, and /or terminally ill children ages 4-18. Also provides in-hospital entertainment, call for information.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital- 332 N. Lauderdale St., Memphis, TN 38105, (901) 495-3300, Web site: www.stjude.org St. Jude is one of the world's premier centers for research on and treatment of childhood cancers and other serious childhood diseases.

Sunshine Foundation- 1041 Mill Creek Drive, Feasterville, PA 19053, (800) 767-1976 or (215) 396-4770, Web site: www.sunshinefoundation.org Email: philly@sunshinefoundation.org Grants the "special wishes" of critically, chronically, and/or terminally ill children, ages 3-21, whose families are under financial strain due to the child's illness.

E. Colorectal /or Colon Cancer Organizations

Colon Cancer alliance (CCA)- 175 Ninth Avenue, New York, NY 10011, (212) 627-7451 or toll free at (877) 422-2030, Web site: www.ccalliance.org Organization of colon and rectal cancer survivors, caregivers, people with genetic predisposition to the disease, and other individuals touched by colorectal cancer.

Colorectal Cancer Network- P.O. Box 182, Kensington, MD 20895-0182, (301) 879-1500, Email at: ccnetwork@colorectal-cancer.net Web site: <http://www.colorectal-cancer.net> . National advocacy group that raises public awareness about colorectal cancer. Provides support through support groups; an Internet chat room; e-mail listservs for survivors, caregivers, and advocates; hospital visitation programs; and a "One on One" service. Also provides literature on screening, diagnosis, treatment and supportive care.

F. Face, Neck and/or Head

International Association of Laryngectomees (IAL)- 8900 Thornton Road, Box 99331, Stockton, CA 95209, (209) 472-0516, Email: IAL@larynxlink.com An association of over 230 laryngectomee clubs. Clubs provide pre-and post-operation visits to laryngeal cancer patients and continuing support and education for laryngectomees and families.

Let's Face It- P.O. Box 29972, Bellingham, WA 98228-1972, (360) 676-7325, Web site: www.faceit.org Email: letsfaceit@faceit.org Non-profit support network that links people with facial disfigurement and all who care for them to resources that can enrich their lives.

National Foundation for Facial Reconstruction (NFFR)- 317 East 34th St., Room 901, New York, NY 10016, (212) 263-6656, Web site: www.nffr.org Email: nffr@earthlink.net Voluntary organization aiding the rehabilitation of people suffering from facial disfigurement. Provides physician, hospital or clinic referrals to those unable to afford private reconstructive surgical care.

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer, Inc. (SPOHNC)- P.O. Box 53, Locust Valley, NY 11560-0053, (800) 377-0928, (516) 671- 8794 (fax), Email: info@spohnc.org Web site: www.spohnc.org Offers a program of support and information addressing the emotional, psychological, and humanistic needs of oral and head and neck cancer patients.

ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivor's Association, Inc.- P.O. Box 1545, New York, NY 10159, (877) 588-7904, (630) 604-6078 (fax), Email: thyca@thyca.org, Web site: www.thyca.org. Free services and outreach available to everyone whose life has been touched by thyroid cancer.

G. Gynecological Cancer

Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF)- 401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, 1(800) 444-4441 or (312) 644-6610, (312) 527-6658 (fax) Email: gcf@sba.com Web site: www.wcn.org/gcf Designed to increase public awareness of ways to prevent, detect and treat gynecological cancers and supports innovative research.

Vulvar Pain Foundation (VPF)- Post Office Drawer 177, Graham, NC 27253, (336) 226-0704 (Tuesdays & Thursdays) web site: www.vulvarpainfoundation.org Serves women with chronic vulvar pain, info on research, treatment, emotional support, and opportunities to participate in research. Also promotes public awareness and basic scientific research.

H. Kidney

Kidney Cancer Association- 1234 Sherman Ave., suite 203, Evanston, IL 60202-1375, 1 (800) 850- 9132, (847) 332-2978 (fax)- Email: office@kidneycancerassociation.org Web site: www.kidneycancerassociation.org Dedicated to finding a cure for kidney cancer, increasing funding for research, getting new drugs tried and approved and supporting patients.

I. Leukemia/Lymphoma/Lymphedema

Lymphedema Complete Decongestive Therapy Program-Findlay Area Sports Therapy & Rehabilitation, 1733 Western Ave., Suite C., Findlay, OH 45840, (419) 425-6786, (419) 425-8570 (fax), Web site: www.fastarpt.com Contact: Heather Greer, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist. There are 4 parts to the Complete Decongestive Therapy program: skin care, manual lymph drainage, compression bandaging & exercise. The program typically lasts for up to 4 weeks of treatment, consisting of 3 days per week.

Cure For Lymphoma Foundation (CFL)- 215 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10016-6023, (212) 213-9595, 1-(800) 235-6848, Email: infocfl@cfl.org , Web site: www.cfl.healthology.com/ Offers support and education programs and services to patients and caregivers. Services include: booklets & fact sheets; lymphoma family forums; teleconferences; lymphoma Q& A's; a nationwide Patient-to-Patient telephone Network; biweekly support groups; monthly lymphoma networking groups; patient aid; a quarterly newsletter, Together, and a toll-free information line.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society- 1311 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 10605, (800) 955-4572 (information resource center: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. EST), (914) 949-5213 (general information), (914) 949-6691 (fax), Web site: www.leukemia-lymphoma.org Dedicated to seeking the cause and eventual cure of leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Programs include research funding, patient aid, peer support, family support groups and education.

Lymphoma Research Foundation – LA Office: 8800 Venice Blvd, #207, Los Angeles CA 90034, (310) 204-7040 or (800) 500-9976, (310) 204-7043 (fax), N.Y. Office: 111 Broadway, 19th floor, New York, NY 10016, (212) 349-2910 or (800) 235-6848, (212) 349-2886 (fax), Email: LRF@lymphoma.org Web site: www.lymphoma.org Dedicated to eradicating lymphoma and serving those touched by this disease.

National Lymphedema Network (NLN)- 1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 1111, Oakland, CA 94612-2138, (510) 208-3200 or (800) 541- 3259, Email: nln@lymphnet.org Web site: www.lymphnet.org Provides education and guidance to lymphedema patients, health care professionals, and the general public. Provide a toll-free support hotline, a referral service to lymphedema treatment centers and health care professionals, a quarterly newsletter with information about medical and scientific developments, support groups, pen pals, educational courses for health care professionals and patients, and a computer database. Some Spanish-language materials are available.

J. Lung Cancer Organizations

Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy, Support, and Education (ALCASE)
P.O. Box 849, Vancouver, WA 98666, (360) 696-2436 or 1-800-298-2436, E-mail at info@alcase.org, Web site: <http://www.alcase.org> Programs offered include education, psychosocial support, and advocacy about the issues that concern lung cancer survivors.

American Lung Association- 1740 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-4374, (800) LUNG-USA or (212) 315-8700, Web site: www.lungusa.org Email: info@lungusa.org , ALA is a national non-profit organization dedicated to conquering lung disease and promoting lung health. Provides cancer info, professional education, smoking cessation programs & a speaker's bureau.

It's Time To Focus On Lung Cancer- (877) 646-5864, Web site: www.lungcancer.org
Listen to patient teleconferences or e-mail questions to a multidisciplinary team of cancer specialists on the Web site.

K. Myeloma Organizations

International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) 126550 Riverside Drive, Suite 206, N. Hollywood, CA 91607, 1 (800) 452- CURE, or (818) 487- 7455, (818) 487- 7454 (Fax), Email: TheIMF@myeloma.org Web Site: www.myeloma.org Dedicated to improving the quality of the myeloma patients while working toward prevention and a cure. Operates a Myeloma Hotline, disseminates information, hosts seminars and workshops for the patient community and medical professionals, and funds research.

McCarty Cancer Foundation- 27387 Woodward Ave., Berkley, MI 48072, (800) 746-0355, Web site: www.cancerfoundation.org The foundation funds research and support for multiple myeloma. It also publishes the “Cancer & you” magazine available at any Meijer Pharmacy for free.

Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)- Three Forest St., New Canaan, CT 06840, (203) 972-1250, (203) 972-1259 (fax), Email: themmrf@themmrf.org Web site: www.multiplemyeloma.org Supports research grants and professional symposia on multiple myeloma. Publishes a quarterly newsletter, conducts seminars, and provides referrals and information packets free of charge to patients and family members.

L. Ovarian Cancer Organizations

Conversations: The International Ovarian Cancer Connection- P.O. Box 7948, Amarillo, TX 79114-7948, (806) 355-2565, (806) 467-9757- (fax) , Email: chmelancon@aol.com, Web site: www.ovarian-news.org Publishes CONVERSATIONS! The International Newsletter for Those Fighting Ovarian Cancer, a free monthly newsletter providing hope, humor, support, and information about treatment options and coping tips. Survivor-to-fighter matching service available.

Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry- Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Elm and Carlton Street, Buffalo, NY 14263, (800) OVA-RIAN (682-7426), Web site: www.ovariancancer.com Email: gradner@roswellpark.org Project collecting data on the link between heredity and ovarian cancer, provides general counseling, support groups, and assistance with genetic screening. (The FOCCR is not a treatment center.)

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC)- 500 Northeast Spanish River Blvd., Suite 14, Boca Raton, FL 33431, (561) 393-0005 or (888) OVARIAN, Email: NOCC@ovarian.org Web Site: www.ovarian.org Raises awareness about ovarian cancer and promotes education about this disease. Sponsors professional education seminars for healthcare providers and educational forums for the community and has divisions throughout the country.

Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA)- 910 17th St., NW. Suite 413, Washington, D.C. 20006, (202) 331-1332, Email: ocna@ovariancancer.org Web site: www.ovariancancer.org The Alliance works to increase public and professional understanding of ovarian cancer and to advocate for research; distributes informational materials; sponsors an annual advocacy conference for survivors and families; advocates on the issues of cancer to the ovarian cancer community; and works with women’s groups, seniors, and health professionals to increase awareness of ovarian cancer.

The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund- One Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1610, New York, NY 10119, (800) 873-9569, (212) 947-5652 (fax), Email: info@ocrf.org Web site: www.ocrf.org Dedicated to advancing research by underwriting investigations to find techniques for early detection and to aid in the development of new therapies. Raises awareness through educational outreach programs, awareness projects, including videos and resource materials.

Yale University-Ovarian Screening Program- Yale Comprehensive Cancer Center- OB/GYN, P.O. Box 208063, New Haven, CT 06520-8063, (203) 785-4014, Offers information and screening nationwide to anyone at “high risk” for ovarian cancer (e.g. a mother, sister, grandmother, or aunt who has had ovarian cancer). Clinical trials are also available.

M. Prostate Cancer Organizations

American Foundation for Urologic Disease (AFUD)- 1128 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 468-1800, 1-800-242-2383, Email at admin@afud.org , Web site: <http://www.afud.org>. AFUD supports research; provides education and information about urologic disease and dysfunctions, and offer prostate cancer support group. Some Spanish-language publications are available.

Prostate Cancer Foundation (Originally -CaP CURE)- 1250 Fourth St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, 1-800-757-CURE, Email at: info@prostatecancerfoundation.org, Web site: www.prostatecancerfoundation.org . Provides funding for research to improve methods of diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. Offers printed resources for prostate cancer survivors and their families.

Department of Defense Center for Prostate Disease Research (CPDR)- www.cpdr.org
The CPDR is a prostate cancer research program funded by the US Army conducting research nationwide at US Army, Navy, and Air Force hospitals. The website explains the program and provides education and research updates.

National Prostate Cancer Coalition- 1154 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 463-9455, (202) 463- 9456 (fax), Email: info@pcacoalition.org Web site: www.pcacoalition.org A grassroots advocacy organization seeking to increase prostate cancer awareness, enhance outreach and advocate for research funds and better detection strategies.

Patient Advocate for Advanced Cancer Treatments (PAACT)- 1143 Parmelee NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, (616) 453-1477, (616) 453-1846 (fax), Email: paact@paactusa.org Web site: www.paactusa.org An association for both patients and physicians for diagnostic and therapeutic treatments of prostate cancer.

Prostate Cancer Dot Com- www.prostatecancer.com, This site provides advice, encouragement, and support to patients and families confronted with a prostate cancer diagnosis.

The Prostate Net- P.O. Box 2192, Secaucus, NJ 07096-2192, (888) –4PROSNET (888-477-6763), Web site: www.prostate-online.com This survivor-led nonprofit provides information about treatment and quality of life issues for patients and caregivers.

The Prostate Pointers- www.prostatepointers.org/prostate
Here you will find helpful patient education material on prostate cancer, compiled from a wide variety of medical sources.

www.prostate.com – This website provides an overview of diseases of the prostate, including prostate cancer, and information about diagnosis and treatment options.

Us Too! International, Inc.- Prostate Cancer Education and Support, 5003 Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515, (800) 808-7866 or (630) 795-1002, (630) 795-1602 (fax), Email: ustoo@ustoo.org, Web site: www.ustoo.org. Provides publications, awareness, outreach, networking, and advocates to improve prostate cancer screening and treatment.

N. Special Groups

American Chronic Pain Association (ACPA)- P.O. Box 850, Rocklin, CA 95677-0850, (916) 632-0922, Web site: www.theacpa.org, Email: acpa@pacbell.net ACPA is a self-help organization that offers educational material and peer support to help people combat, cope with and/or live with chronic pain. Call for a support group in your area.

American Pain Society- 4700 West Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60025, (847) 375-4715, Web site: www.ampainsoc.org, Email: info@ampainsoc.org Maintains a continuously updated “Pain Facilities Database,” with info on more than 500 “specialized pain treatment centers” across the country (these are usually a part or a program of a hospital, clinic, or medical care complex).

American Liver Foundation- National Office, Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, NY 10038, (800) 223-0179 or (212) 668-1000, Web site: www.liverfoundation.org Email: webmail@liverfoundation.org ALF is a national non-profit health organization dedicated to preventing, treating and curing hepatitis and all liver diseases through research, education and support groups. Has a newsletter, & funds research and educational programs.

American Indian Research and Education Center- 4505 Maryland Parkway, Box 453060, Las Vegas, NV 89154, (702) 895-3700, Web site: www.unlv.edu/centers/airec/ Program goals are to conduct research and report on American Indian issues, provide information that will advance American Indian causes, represent American Indians on a nationwide basis to ensure their interests are being met and collaborate with community groups, educators, health care providers, and policy makers to promote a comprehensive focus on American Indian issues.

A Web site for career women. Gives advice and ideas on how to keep working while receiving treatment for cancer. www.cancerandcareers.org

Cancer Charities- 29 Arden Dr., Hartsdale, NY 10530, Web site: www.CancerCharities.com This Web site raises funds online for cancer. Click the heart button once a day and the site’s donors will give to nonprofit member cancer organizations.

Colorado Women's Cancer Control Initiative- Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment, Colorado Women's Cancer Control Initiative, HPDP-CWCCI-A5, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80246-1530, (866) 692-2600 or (303) 692-2520, Web site: www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/cwcci/cwccihom.asp It is part of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program funded through the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. The goal: To reduce breast and cervical cancer mortality through the promotion of compliance with routine screening guidelines, and timely, state-of-the-art diagnostic evaluation.

The Creative Center- 147 W. 26th St., New York, NY 10001, (646) 336-7612, Web site: www.thecreativecenter.org The center offers free art workshops to survivors and sponsors a program for New York City hospitals in which artists work with patients at their bedside. An international training program for artists is available.

The Dream Foundation- 621 Chapala St., Suite D, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-7011, (805) 564-2131, Web site: www.dreamfoundation.org Email: jackie@dreamfoundation.org The Dream Foundation tries to fulfill last wishes of terminal adults (18-65) when life expectancy is less than one year.

Hereditary Cancer Institute- Creighton University, Dept. of Preventive Medicine, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178, (800) 648-8133 or (402) 280-2942, Web site: www.medicine.creighton.edu/hci/ HCI studies family-linked cancer, counseling and info about clinical trials involving hereditary cancer is available.

International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (IWWMF)- Suite 301, 2300 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239-6266, (941) 927- 4963, Email: IWWMF1@juno.com Web Site: www.iwwmf.com Provides encouragement and support to WM and their families, and works to increase awareness of issues related to WM. The IWWMF offers publications, including a quarterly newsletter, *The IWWMF Torch*, and bulletins. Helps people with WM contact others with this disease. People may also participate in the IWWMF's annual Educational forum to hear prominent researchers and other speakers, and to share their experiences with other participants.

National Asian Women's Health Organization (NAWHO)- Suite 900, 250 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94104, (415) 989-9747, Email: nawho@nawho.org Web site: www.nawho.org Working to improve the health status of Asian women and families through research, education, leadership, and public policy programs. They have resources for Asian women in English, Cantonese, Laotian, Vietnamese, and Korean. Publications on subjects such as reproductive rights, breast and cervical cancer, and tobacco control are available.

National Black Women's Health Project- 600 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Suite 310, Washington, D.C. 20003, (202) 548- 4000, Web site: www.blackwomenshealth.org Their mission is to promote optimum health among Black women across their life span- physically, mentally, and spiritually. The organization is gaining the well-earned reputation as a leading force for health for African American women. It is the only national organization devoted solely to the health of the nation's 19 million Black women and girls.

National Foundation for Transplants (NFT)- 1102 Brookfield, Suite 202, Memphis, TN 38119, (800) 489-3863 or (901) 684-1697, Web site: www.transplants.org Email: NatFoundTX@aol.com Assists transplant candidates, recipients, and their families. Provides financial assistance, patient advocacy, insurance info, and help locating housing during treatment.

National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. (NORD)- 100 Route 37, P.O. Box 8923, New Fairfield, CT 06812-8923, (800) 999-NORD (999-6673) or (203) 746-6518, Web site: www.rarediseases.org Email: orphan@rarediseases.org NORD is a federation of voluntary health organizations helping people with rare diseases. It is a clearinghouse of information on rare disorders, family counseling, a newsletter, and a medication assistance program.

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)- P.O. Box 1010, Torrance, CA 90505, (877) 2-PANCAN, Email: information@pancan.org Web site: www.pancan.org Works to focus national attention on the need to find the cure for pancreatic cancer by providing advocacy, awareness and education to patients and professionals.

Post-Treatment Resource Program- 215 East 68th St., Ground Floor, New York, NY 10021, (212) 717-3527, Web site: www.mskcc.org (search by program name), PTRP is part of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and focuses on "quality of life" issues for former cancer patients and their family members. Provides support groups and educational workshops, community and professional education, insurance and employment info, advocacy, a lending library, and screening and referral for vocational counseling and training.

The Sarcoma Alliance- 775 E. Blithedale Ave., #334, Mill Valley, CA 94941, (415) 381-7236, (415) 381-7235 (fax), Email: rn2@sarcomaalliance.com, Web site: www.sarcomaalliance.org/splash.html Provides education and support to people with sarcomas and their family, friends, and caregivers.

Skin Cancer Foundation- 245 Fifth Ave., Suite 1403, New York, NY 10016, (800) SKIN-490 (754-6490) or (212) 725-5176, Web site: www.skincancer.org Email: info@skincancer.org National organization focused on the treatment and prevention of skin cancer. Provides public and professional education programs, and a toll-free phone line. Also funds medical training and research.

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults- PMB #505, 4725 Dorsey Hall Drive, Suite A, Ellicott City, MD 21042, (888) 393-FUND or (410) 964-0202, (410) 964-0402 (fax), Email: info@ulmanfund.org, Web site: www.ulmanfund.org. Provides free support programs, education and resources to benefit young adults, their families and friends who are affected by cancer.

United Ostomy Association, Inc.- 19772 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92612-2405, (800) 826-0826 or (949) 660-8624, (949) 660-9262 (fax), Email: info@uoa.org, Web site: www.uoa.org. A volunteer/chapter-based organization dedicated to providing education, information, support, and advocacy for people who have had or will have intestinal or urinary diversions.

Von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance (VHLFA)- 171 Clinton Rd., Brookline, MA 02445, (800) 767-4VHL (767-4845) or (617) 232-5946, Web site: www.vhl.org Email: info@vhl.org Works to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and “quality of life” of individuals with VHL and their families.

XVIII. AREA ONCOLOGISTS/DOCTORS

The Cancer Genetics Program- MCO Cancer Institute, 3120 Glendale Ave., Ruppert Health Center, Room 1012, Toledo, OH 43614, (419) 383-6644 or Toll Free: (419) 321-8383 ext. 6644, (419) 383-6714 (fax), A Program of the Medical College of Ohio Cancer Institute and Genetics Center. The purpose of this program is to inform those individuals at risk for such cancers (with a personal or family history of cancer) so they may receive detailed information about genetic testing, cancer prevention, early detection and treatment.

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