



# Thankful



# Connections

*Because people shouldn't have to journey alone*

Winter  
2022

# Thank You, 2021 Donors!

We are grateful to our supporters who have remained dedicated to helping cancer patients in our community throughout 2021. Donations are fulfilling patients' greatest needs, helping patients overcome barriers to cancer care so they can receive life-saving treatment and enhanced quality of life. Our supporters are giving gifts of joy, relief, and hope, and fulfilling Cancer Navigators' mission of ensuring no one journeys through cancer alone. We are so thankful!

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## Community Partners

- Bagwell Food Pantry
- Summit Quest
- Toys For Tots
- The Wig Chix



## 2021 Wreath Sales

Thank you to Harbin Clinic Cancer Center, Atrium Health Floyd, and all the wreath decorators and purchasers for making the 2021 Wreath Sale & Auction a success, raising \$8,573! Special appreciation to wreath decorator, Prissy Caldwell, for also donating spring, summer and fall wreaths to keep the fundraiser going year-round.

# 2021 By The Numbers

Patient Navigation  
January - December 2021

## Total Number of Patient Served

January - December 2021: 1,583

## New Patients Served

January - December 2021: 289

## Number of Counseling Sessions

January - December 2021: 1,058

## Our Mission

Cancer Navigators, a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 2002 as Many Streams Healing Systems, serves as a complement to the medical expertise of cancer care providers by guiding those affected by cancer toward a better understanding of diagnosis and care and connecting them with needed resources in their journey – free of charge.

The Cancer Navigators office has remained open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and is meeting patients however they are most comfortable - via phone, Zoom, or in-person in a socially distanced space. Staff continues to provide patients additional supplies to reduce outings and coordinate food pantry deliveries to patients with the greatest transportation challenges.

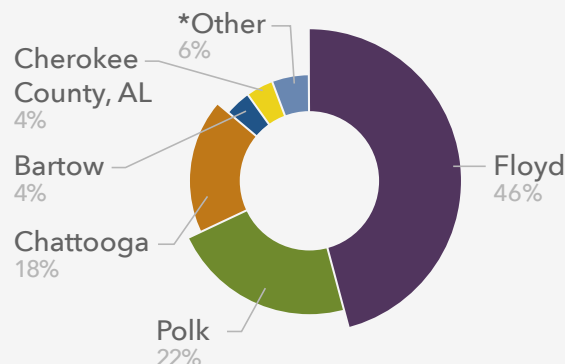
## Services Provided

January - December 2021:

- **2,502** Patient Encounters for Social Support Services  
CN patient navigators assist patients with insurance and financial services, completing applications for Medicare, Medicaid, Disability, and SSI; also researching potential patient grants based on specific cancer diagnosis and employment history.
- **1,281** Encounters for Food Pantry Referrals and Liquid Nutrition
- **494** Patient encounters for Received Supplies (Medical Supplies, Wigs, Caps)
- **583** Patient encounters for Received Transportation Assistance (Gas Cards/Bus Vouchers)
- **144** Patient encounters for Received Outside Grants (monetary value of outside grants received- \$104,869.19)
- **1,058** Patient/Caregiver encounters for Received Counseling with Cancer Navigators' Licensed Clinical Social Worker

## Counties Served

\*Other: Gordon, Whitfield, Murray, Paulding, NE Alabama



## Types of Cancer

- ♀ **Breast - 49%**
- 💧 **Blood - 7%**
- 🫁 **Lung - 8%**
- 🗨️ **Head/Neck - 5%**
- 🧬 **Other - 31%**  
Bladder, Brain, Cervical, Colon, Gastric, Ovarian, Pancreatic, Prostate, Rectal, Skin



# Here for You in 2022

The Cancer Navigators office remains open and we are here to serve patients in-person or over the phone, however they feel most comfortable. Cancer Navigators also continues to provide the following services free of charge:

**Social Support Services** - CN navigators assist patients with insurance and financial services completing applications for Medicare, Medicaid, Disability, and SSI; researching patient grants based on diagnosis and employment history

**Counseling** - A licensed clinical social worker is on staff to counsel patients

**Complementary Care Program** - Acupressure, Music Therapy, Stress Management

**Virtual Retreats** - To renew, connect and learn

**Transportation Assistance** - Gas cards or bus vouchers to assist with transportation to treatments

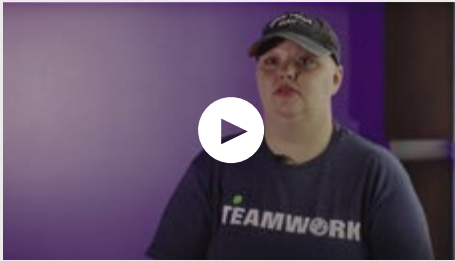


**Supplies** - Medical supplies (ostomy, pull-ups, wipes, bed pads), and wigs, caps, hats, scarves and other handmade donations that provide comfort

**Nutrition** - Referrals to food pantries; Liquid nutrition is available to patients undergoing treatment and struggling to eat

**Virtual Weekly Stress Management Patient Support Group** - Fridays at noon via Zoom

**Caregiver Support** - One-on-one time with a Cancer Navigators social worker



## 🔍 Stories of Care

*"If not for them, I would not be able to go through this journey."* Hear from patient Laticia Rosser on how joining Cancer Navigators' #fifteenforfifteen Monthly Giving Program, contributing \$15 for 15 months, helped her and how your participation can make a difference in the lives of local cancer patients.

## MONTHLY *Focus*

*"Winter forms our character and brings out our best."*  
- Tom Allen

*What is the most significant struggle you are encountering right now?*

*If this struggle was a teacher, what would it be trying to teach you?*



## Virtual Race & Daisy Drop

Cancer Navigators' Virtual Race and Daisy Drop are returning in 2022.

CLICK HERE for information on the 2022 Virtual Race and Save the Date of Sunday, June 5, National Cancer Survivors Day, for the annual Daisy Drop.

## Cancer Navigators Staff

**Sarah Husser** - Fundraising & Community Outreach Coordinator

**Kim Higgins, LCSW, FT, ACHP-SW** - Service Navigator

**Denise Powers, LCSW** - Counselor & Service Navigator

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## Join Us!

Cancer Navigators' Weekly Cancer Support Group

Fridays from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Held Virtually via Zoom

NEW format starting February 18 with a different focus area each week.

[Click Here for Schedule & Info](#)

[Click Here for Zoom Link](#)

