



CANCER  
NAVIGATORS™

# Connections

*Because people shouldn't have to journey alone*

SUMMER  
2022

*"I didn't  
expect the Daisy  
Drop to affect me so  
emotionally. I now look  
forward to my family and my  
friends' participation next year."*

First Time Race & Daisy Drop  
Participant



# Thank You 2022 Daisy Drop & Virtual Race Participants

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Daisy Drop and Virtual Race/Walk held in conjunction with National Cancer Survivors Day. Your infectious spirit makes this day special every year.

*"The Daisy Drop was such a meaningful experience for me. It was a sad occasion remembering my friends who have died, but also a joyous occasion remembering all those who are cancer survivors."*

- Race & Daisy Drop Participant -

## Your Support Makes An Impact



Cancer Navigators has experienced an increase in patients in 2022 with many in worse health and financial circumstances than in previous years. Over 90% of Cancer Navigators' patients are classified as low-income, and from January - June, Cancer Navigators provided 2,421 free resources and services to cancer patients in northwest Georgia and northeast Alabama, distributing \$20,675 in transportation assistance. Transportation and nutrition remain top barriers to cancer care and tremendous needs for patients. Donations to Cancer Navigators help serve all cancer patients referred and more adequately meet patients' needs.

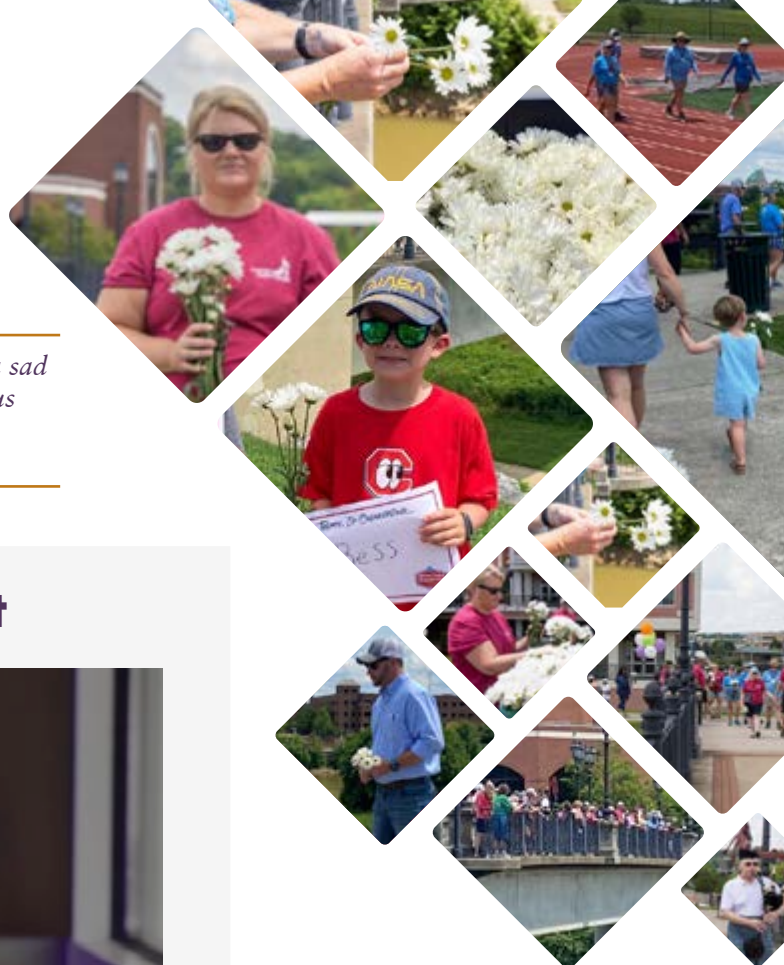
How can you support local cancer patients? Join Cancer Navigators' #fifteenforfifteen Monthly Giving Program and your \$15 for 15 months will help 9 patients get to treatments; donate case(s) of liquid nutrition or \$25 gas cards; make a monetary donation in the amount you choose; and help spread the word about Cancer Navigators by telling others and sharing Facebook posts. Your compassion is a blessing and a gift that keeps on giving!



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## Good Samaritans Award

Congratulations to Cancer Navigators' dedicated volunteers, Gladys Mixon and Carol Waddell, who were named Good Samaritans of the Year by Atrium Health Floyd! Carol and Gladys are amazing ambassadors, no matter their location, they are always helping fulfill Cancer Navigators' mission of ensuring no one journeys through cancer alone.



## Thank You 2022 Sponsors!



# 15 Ways Cancer Navigators Helps Cancer Patients

Cancer Navigators assesses the needs of a patient's mind, body, and spirit, and a personalized plan is created using patient navigators. All resources and services are free of charge. Cancer Navigators continues to meet patients however they are most comfortable, whether that be via phone, Zoom, or in-person in a socially distanced space, and increasing the amount of supplies given to reduce patients' outings.

<div>1</div> <div></div> <div>Support from a licensed clinical social worker to help patients understand and navigate complex insurance, healthcare, and financial support programs (e.g., completing applications for Medicare, Medicaid, Disability, and SSI and researching patient grants based on cancer diagnosis and employment history).</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>Counseling with a licensed clinical social worker employed by Cancer Navigators to patients who oncologists have referred to Cancer Navigators specifically for counseling and who could not otherwise afford counseling</div>		
<div>3</div> <div></div> <div>Distribution of liquid nutrition to patients undergoing treatment and struggling to eat</div>	<div>4</div> <div></div> <div>Referrals to food pantries and other local resources</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div> <div>Transportation - Gas cards or bus vouchers to assist with transportation needs so patients can get to and from treatments</div>	
<div>6</div> <div></div> <div>Day long &amp; multi-day retreats for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers</div>	<div>7</div> <div></div> <div>Distribution of ostomy supplies, adult diapers and wipes</div>	<div>8</div> <div></div> <div>Distribution of wigs, caps, hats, pillows and blankets</div>	<div>9</div> <div></div> <div>Weekly Stress Management Patient Support Group</div>
<div>10</div> <div></div> <div>Caregiver Support - individual sessions or in a group setting</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div> <div>Gives patients the opportunity to fight cancer</div>	<div>12</div> <div></div> <div>Acupressure Bands</div>	<div>13</div> <div></div> <div>Music Therapy</div>
<div>14</div> <div></div> <div>Relieve stress and enhance quality of life</div>	<div>15</div> <div></div> <div>Patients know they aren't alone and have a support team with them throughout their cancer journey</div>	<div>Interested in raising money to support local cancer patients? Host a Facebook Fundraiser benefiting Cancer Navigators for your birthday or anniversary. It is easy and appreciated more than you will ever know!</div>	



# Support Spotlight

Cancer Navigators is grateful for our amazing community that is allowing us the opportunity to celebrate 16 years of providing free resources and services to such kind, appreciative cancer patients in northwest Georgia and northeast Alabama.



## MONTHLY Focus

*"Nothing can dim the light which shines from within."*  
– Maya Angelou

*Place your hand over your heart. How does it feel?*



## Kickback to the Community

Cancer Navigators is participating in Ford, Gittings & Kane's annual Kickback to the Community event. Purchase a \$10 bid card from Cancer Navigators or at Ford, Gittings & Kane Jewelers on Broad Street in downtown Rome, and August 10-20 anyone with a bid card may bid on as many beautiful silent auction items as they would like at Ford, Gittings & Kane. The opening bid for auction items is 50% off the regular price and the "Buy It Now" price is 25% off the regular price. For every silent auction item purchased by a bidder whose bid card is from Cancer Navigators, Cancer Navigators will receive 10% of the purchase price. The auction will end promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August

20. Help local cancer patients in crisis while getting an early start on your holiday shopping!



## 2022 Wreath Sale & Auction

Cancer Navigators Annual Holiday Wreath Sale & Auction returns in November. Stay tuned for dates and more information, and if you are interested in decorating a wreath, contact Sarah Husser at 706.509.5040 or [shusser@cancernavigators.org](mailto:shusser@cancernavigators.org).

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## Join Us!

Cancer Navigators' Weekly Cancer Support Group

Fridays from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Now held In-Person in the Harbin Clinic Cancer Center 2nd Floor Conference Room or Virtually via Zoom.



Click Here for Focus Areas & More Info



Click Here for Zoom Link

The focus area for each week is featured on the Cancer Navigators' Facebook page on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings.



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