



Cancer Association of Ar

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The Cancer Association of Anderson is here to assist you during your time of need. CAA is a small nonprofit charity that relies on donations and grants as well as fundraising efforts. We serve residents of Anderson County who are battling cancer regardless of where they receive treatment – AnMed Health, GHS, Cancer Centers of America, Levine Cancer Institute, MD Anderson and others. However, we are a stand-alone organization.

We assist patients in **ACTIVE TREATMENT**. Please advise us when you have completed treatment. We assist up to \$1,200 per year. Assistance includes:

- **MILEAGE** - Up to \$100 per month for mileage reimbursement for cancer treatment related appointments (25 cents per mile). You will be issued a mileage log each month to record the date of your appointment, reason for appointment. You will need to have your nurse or doctor initial the form, verifying your appointment. You may bring or mail the form to CAA, 215 East Calhoun Street, Anderson, 29621 once a month for reimbursement. Please turn in forms monthly as we can no longer reimburse past 45 days.
- **TRANSPORTATION** – If you are unable to drive to your appointments and have no other means of transportation, we will arrange for a ride to take you to and from your appointments. Rides are usually ordered one hour before your appointment time unless you live further away and require more time.
- **TRANSPORTATION** - Transportation to treatment facilities such as MUSC, Emory, Levine, MD Anderson, etc. have stipend amounts. Please bring us proof of appointment prior to appointment and we will provide you a check to help with travel in the amount shown below.
 - \$50 Charlotte or Atlanta - Emory
 - \$100 Duke or MUSC-Charleston
 - \$250 Arkansas, MD Anderson or Nashville TN, etc.
- **PRESCRIPTIONS** - Cancer treatment related prescriptions ONLY (pain, nausea, and others prescribed by your oncologist)– CAA DOES NOT pay for chemotherapy, immunotherapy or targeted drugs. Propp Drugs, The Oaks, and Professional Pharmacy will bill us for your co-pay via our contract with them allowing you to not have to pay in person.
- **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION DRINKS**. (as prescribed) To maintain weight and nutrition needs. The Cancer Association tries to keep these products on hand in the office, but please call a day or two prior to pick up to be sure.
- **INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE**. If you are in jeopardy of losing your insurance due to being out of work for treatment, CAA will pay up to \$100 per month to assist with your insurance premium. Please provide a copy of your insurance statement reflecting the amount for the patient only.
- **WELL-FIT PROGRAM**. At the conclusion of ACTIVE TREATMENT, CAA will pay for 8-weeks at Life Choice enrollment in CAA's WELL-FIT program with classes, exercise, cooking, etc. to help patients regain strength achieve their "new normal".
- **HOME HEALTH MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**. CAA assists with purchase of items needed for home health care such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, etc. However, if we have them in stock, they are FREE and do not count toward your \$1,000.

Total financial assistance paid to a patient each month will not exceed \$250. *The term per month does not mean monthly assistance can be "stacked". We pay month to month only – we do not reimburse for receipts older than 45 days.*

In addition to financial assistance, CAA provides emotional assistance in the form of Support Groups and open access to our "Boutique" with free wigs, hats, mastectomy bras, prostheses, scarves, and many other items. Please follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on events, educational seminars, etc.

CAA is happy to assist our community! Please keep us in mind after your treatment if you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Cancer Association of Anderson, supporting us financially or becoming an ambassador by speaking to local churches, community organizations, etc.

CAA Mission

The Cancer Association of Anderson is the only local cancer charity in Anderson County. Our mission is to help reduce the burden of cancer on Anderson County residents battling cancer by providing treatment-related financial assistance, information and referral as well as emotional support.

The Cancer Association of Anderson is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Support Group Information

Support groups are designed to allow patients, families, caregivers and friends an opportunity to discuss concerns, ask questions, and express feelings. The groups are facilitated by healthcare professionals and may include a patient and family counselor, chaplain, oncology nurse manager or social worker.

There is no charge to participate and most groups do not require pre-registration.

1 in 8+ Support Group

This group started out as a group of breast cancer survivors and supporters and eventually grew into a support group for women with any type of cancer. Give and get emotional support, understanding and friendship with others who have survived the cancer that affects one in eight American women.

Date: 3rd Monday of every month, 6:30pm

Location: Raines on Main restaurant, downtown Anderson, 312 S Main Street, Anderson, SC

Contact: 864-222-3500

Well-Fit

This collaboration between the Cancer Association and Life Choice offers a series of free educational seminars with varying topics from nutrition to legal aid to caregiver needs. All videos can be viewed on our Facebook page. Call 864-222-3500 for schedule.

The Sexy Broads

The support group for women with cancer's "below the waist"! If you have had a reproductive, gastrointestinal, urologic or other below the waist cancer, please join this fun, caring group of women.

Contact: 864-221-2864 or 864-353-0513

Cancer Care 101

New patients get orientation to the treatments they may be receiving such as chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

Date: Every Wednesday 10am – 12, and every Thursday, 2pm – 4

Location: AnMed Health Cancer Center Conference Room, 2000 E. Greenville St, Anderson

Contact: 864-512-4636

Surviving the Journey

This group is for all cancer patients regardless of their diagnoses or treatment status. Patients, family members, caregivers and friends are all welcome to attend.

Date: Every Wednesday, 9:30am to 10:30 am

Location: AnMed Health Cancer Center Learning Center, 2000 E Greenville St, Anderson

Contact: 864-512-4961

Grief Group

A support group for family or friends that are grieving the death of a loved one.

Date: 2nd Wednesday of every month, 2pm to 3pm

Location: AnMed Health Cancer Center Conference Room, 2000 E. Greenville St, Anderson

Contact: 864-512-4961

One-in-Eight-Plus

Are you a cancer survivor?

Whether you were diagnosed last week, last year or last decade, you'll find support, friendship and fun when you join One-in-Eight-Plus, a support group for survivors of breast cancer (that's the One-in-Eight) and any other cancer (that's the Plus).

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

To get on our list, email: kathrynsmith16@yahoo.com or suecaswell01@gmail.com or call the Cancer Association at 222-3500



As a breast cancer survivor, I learned the meaning of this Bible verse: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

~ Laurie K

Participating in the One-in-Eight-Plus Group, I benefit from getting tips and information from those who've been through the same thing.

~ Carolyn M

The One-in-Eight-Plus Support Group from day one of my diagnosis of breast cancer has provided me with love, wisdom from those who have been there and support in every way. They are truly family!

~ Gloria E

I am a relatively new member of One-in-Eight Plus as my surgery was in October 2018. I have found that our meetings are full of the honest, sincere sharing of our stories with laughter or tears...lots of hugs and support and the love Of Christian friendships.

~ Meira L

Other Services for Patients

These non-financial services are available to residents of Anderson County in active-treatment for cancer, even if they have met their \$1200 annual allotment of assistance .

- Wigs, hats, turbans, caps and headscarves in our Hat & Wig Room
- New and gently used bras and breast prostheses and other mastectomy garments
- Prayer shawls and blankets
- Donated medical supplies and equipment, when available
- Referral to local, State and national cancer services
- Referral to the CAA's Well-Fit educational seminars
- Referral and enrollment in support groups such as the 1 in 8+ group that meets monthly

The Cancer Association of Anderson is not affiliated with or supported by the American Cancer Society.
We rely on donations, grants and our own fundraising.