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ICCCC Updates:

Spring Meeting:

The Spring Meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 21st at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Kelley Conference Room, Des Moines, Iowa. An agenda and registration information will be sent out to ICCCC members shortly.

Management Update:

Reports were received from groups receiving ICCCC funding. Updates on the progress of those projects will be covered in this and upcoming newsletters. The ICCCC applied for \$5,000 from the Prevent Cancer Foundation to promote the rural Iowa colorectal cancer screening social marketing campaign in southwest Iowa. Also submitted was a letter of intent to the Centers for Disease Control for assistance to fund a portion of the 2009 Iowa Cancer Summit.

Special Delivery:

ICCCC staff member, Sara Comstock and her husband Josh are expecting their first child May 12th. Sara will contact groups she is directly involved with to discuss plans for her absence.



Membership & Nominating: Outreach in Southwest Iowa

The ICCCC Membership & Nominating Committee will be conducting 4 town-hall type meetings in southwest Iowa to engage community members in a cancer control discussion and to present cancer data and resources for the area. Meetings will be held with local community healthcare providers and advocates, especially those interested in cancer control.

Dates & Locations

February 23rd, 2009

11:00—12:30

Alegent Health Mercy Hospital
Classrooms A & B
800 Mercy Drive
Council Bluffs, IA

February 23rd, 2009

3:30 - 5:00

Shenandoah Memorial
Wellness Center
Rapp Conference Room
2 Jack Foster Drive
Shenandoah, Iowa

February 24th, 2009

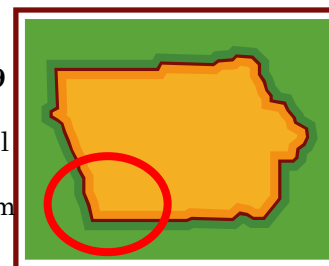
8:00 - 9:30 AM

Montgomery County Memorial Hospital
Conference Center Room A
2301 Eastern Avenue
Red Oak, Iowa

February 24th, 2009

11:30 - 1:00

Creston Greater Regional Medical Center
D.V. Richardson Conference Room
1700 W. Townline Street
Creston, Iowa



If you have any contacts in this area who would be interested in attending please contact, Tunde Brady at brady@canceriowa.org or 319-384-1741.

Upcoming Events:

FEBRUARY

February 11th
**ICCCC Governmental
Relations Call**

February 23rd
**ICCCC Cancer Forum -
Council Bluffs**
Alegent Health Mercy
Hospital
11:00 – 12:30
RSVP to
brady@canceriowa.org

February 23rd
**ICCCC Cancer Forum -
Shenandoah**
Shenandoah Memorial
Hospital
3:30 – 5:00
RSVP to
brady@canceriowa.org

February 24th
**ICCCC Cancer Forum –Red
Oak**
Montgomery County Memorial
Hospital
8:00 – 9:30
RSVP to
brady@canceriowa.org

February 24th
**ICCCC Cancer Forum –
Creston**
Creston Greater Regional
Medical Center
11:30 – 1:00
RSVP to
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February 27th
**ICCCC Board of Directors
Meeting**
Des Moines, Iowa

February 28th
**Blood Cancer Symposium
& ASH Update**
Iowa Methodist Medical
Center
Kelley Conference Room
1415 Woodland Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa
[Registration
Information](#)

Patient & Family Resources: Recruiting Mentors

Interested in mentoring cancer survivors in Iowa?



If you are:

- a cancer survivor, family member or friend of a cancer survivor

- 18 years of age or older

- interested in providing emotional, educational, and social support for other survivors

Please call:
1-888-994-MAPS
(6277)



LIVESTRONG
LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION

This program is made possible by the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

A sub-group of the Patient & Family Resources implementation group has been working on a project to provide one-on-one support to cancer survivors, family members, and/or caregivers that live in the state of Iowa.

Recruitment has now begun for mentors. Please help us in this effort by promoting the program to cancer survivors, family members or friends of survivors who may be interested in providing emotional and social support for other survivors. Training will be provided for mentors.

Please call 1-888-994-6277 for more information or visit the programs website
www.iowacancermaps.org.

Physical Activity & Nutrition: Body & Soul Trainings in Des Moines & Waterloo

The Physical Activity & Nutrition Implementation Group in partnership with Iowans Fit for Life will be hosting Body & Soul Trainings in Waterloo on March 19th and Des Moines on March 20th. Body & Soul is a evidence-based program to reduce risk of chronic diseases such as cancer, through promotion of increased fruit and vegetable consumption

in African American churches.

Body & Soul has been successfully implemented in Cedar Rapids churches for the past year.

The training is open to anyone in Iowa. Please pass on this information to those who may be interested. Contact Sara at comstock@canceriowa.org for more information.

BODY AND SOUL A Celebration of Healthy Eating and Living

Free Training for Churches

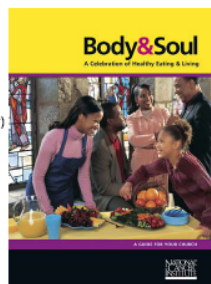
Who: Teams of 2 – 6 representatives African American churches throughout Iowa.
(Teams should include a pastor or designated church leader)

What: Free training on starting a Body & Soul program in your congregation.

When: Friday, March 20th
10:00 – 3:00
Lunch will be served

Where: Des Moines Botanical Center
Des Moines, Iowa

RSVP: Please RSVP to Sara Comstock at 319-335-8144 or sara-comstock@uiowa.edu by **Friday, March 6th** to reserve a spot for your team.



MARCH

March 3rd

LLS – Mission Day

Iowa State Capital, Des Moines
All Day Event
Contact wendy.sontag@lls.org
www.llsmeetings.org/iowaMD09

March 18th

ACS – Day at the Capital

Iowa State Capital, Des Moines
All Day Event
Contact Kathy.gallo@cancer.org
or 515-727-0057 for more info.

March 19th

Body & Soul Training

Waterloo, Iowa
Location TBD
10-3
Contact
comstock@canceriowa.org or
319-335-8144 for more info.

March 20th

Body & Soul Training

Des Moines Botanical Center
10-3
Contact
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319-335-8144 for more info.

March 28th

Survivorship Conference

Hotel Fort Des Moines
www.childrenscancerprograms.com

APRIL

April 21st

ICCCC Spring Meeting

Iowa Methodist Medical Center
Des Moines, Iowa

October 1st

ICCCC Fall Meeting

Courtyard by Marriott
Ankeny, Iowa

October 2nd

2009 Iowa Cancer Summit

Courtyard by Marriott
Ankeny, Iowa

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Clinical Trials: Iowa Clinical Trials Network & Resource Guide

The Clinical Trials work group is working on two projects. One is surveying interest in creating an Iowa Clinical Trials Network. If you know anyone interested in a statewide network please have them complete a short survey at the following link:
[Clinical Trials Survey](#)

The group is also putting together a guide to provide resources to address barriers to participating in clinical trials in Iowa. The guide will be available free to any clinic or hospital in Iowa for their patients. Please call 1-319-335-8144 for more information about the Iowa-specific guide.



Partner Spotlight: The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs

The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs is a non-profit organization that provides support services and programs for children with cancer and their families. The organization, founded in 1988, offers a warm and nurturing environment to children dealing with the struggles of cancer. Their two week-long summer camps for children with cancer and their siblings are the only camps in Iowa offered exclusively for children with cancer. The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs also offers support programs for siblings and families of children with cancer.

Recently, The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs has begun to focus on a new goal: to provide assistance and resources for survivors of childhood cancer. The new program is called the Survivorship Connection and consists of young adults between the ages of 14-30. The Survivorship Connection is a wonderful opportunity for survivors to attend retreats and other social activities, meet other survivors, and learn about issues related to survivorship.

The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs is excited to be partnered with the Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control. With the development of the Survivorship Connection program, this partnership is more important than ever. Together, The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs and the ICCCC can be important resources for survivors of cancer and can help lessen the burden of both cancer and its long term effects. To learn more about The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs and the Survivorship Connection, please visit www.childrenscancerprograms.com.

Survivorship Conference in Des Moines

 the
**survivorship
connection**

March 28, 2009

Special Guest: Matthew Zachary
founder of **I'm Too Young For This.org**
and host of the **Stupid Cancer Show**

Share, Learn, Socialize, Network

A Survivorship Conference in Des Moines for:

- Adult survivors of pediatric cancer
- Cancer survivors diagnosed between the ages of 18-35
- Loved ones of adult survivors of pediatric cancer and survivors diagnosed between the ages of 18-35
- Health care professionals

Cost: \$ 35 Student Rate \$ 20
Location: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, Des Moines

Topics Include:

- Long-Term Effects and Why They Matter
- Insurance: How to Get It, How to Keep It
- Fertility Resources
- Personal Relationships: What Cancer Means for Parents, Sibs and Others
- Socializing, Networking and Who's Out There
- Employment: Your Rights
- College: Getting In, Getting Money, Getting Through

ALSO: JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT FRIDAY,
MARCH 27. THE NIGHT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE!

For more information contact Brecka at
The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs
Brecka@childrenscancerprograms.com
Or at (515) 243-6239 ext. 6
www.ChildrensCancerPrograms.com

Cancer Control News & Resources



In the headlines...

Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg Faces Tough Battle Against Pancreatic Cancer [Read more](#)

Cancer Patients Often Stranded in Health Insurance Nightmares [Read more](#)

Rural Areas Able to Increase Colon Cancer Screenings [Read more](#)

Radiation benefits women with early breast cancer [Read more](#)

Two-Thirds of Hispanic Women Discover Breast Cancer Themselves [Read more](#)

Cancer Survivors Say Costs Keep Them From Care [Read more](#)

Most Young, Black Females Are Not Getting HPV Vaccine [Read more](#)

Five Strategies for Accelerating War on Cancer in an Era of Budget Deficits [Read more...](#)

Time of Day Can Be Critical in Chemotherapy [Read more...](#)

Parental Distrust May Explain Lack of Black Children in Clinical Trials [Read more](#)

Fewer Women Are Having Mammograms [Read more](#)

Stool-Based Colon Cancer Tests Vary Widely in Accuracy [Read more](#)

Blacks, Asians With Terminal Cancer Use End-Of-Life Services Less Frequently Than Other Patients, Study Finds [Read more](#)

Mom and dad's tobacco use influences teens' smoking [Read more](#)

FREE Colorectal Cancer Screening Webinar

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009 4pm-5pm CST OR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009 7am-8am CST**

The NYS Academy of Family Physicians and the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the Community Health Care Association of NYS (CHCANYS) are offering an evidence-based CME/CNE opportunity, "How to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in Practice--A Primary Care Clinician's Evidence-Based Toolkit and Guide". The curriculum focuses on identifying patients at increased risk for colorectal cancer and improving screening rates utilizing the most recent guidelines and recommendations.

This session is open to all professionals – MDs, NPs, PAs, RNs, LPNs. Please click [HERE](#) for more information. Please RSVP to Kathy Alexis at kalexis@chcanys.org or 212-710-3817. RSVP is required in order to obtain log-in information.

Legislative Updates:

If you would like to receive e-mail legislative updates from the American Cancer Society please send your e-mail address to Kathy Gallo, kathy.gallo@cancer.org

**Blood Cancer Symposium &
ASH Update**
Saturday, February 28th
8:30 - 1:00

Speakers:

Dr. Angela Sandre,
Medical Oncology Hematology Associates

Mathew Henry, PhD, Associate Professor,
Physiology & Pharmacology, Des Moines
University

Pre-registration for this free program is required. Contact Wendy Sontag at 800-347-1074 or wendy@lls.org or register online at [Registration Information](#)

Location:

Iowa Methodist Medical Center
Kelley Conference Room
1415 Woodland Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Presented by: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and an unrestricted educational grant from Novartis Oncology



CAFE IOWA CAN KICKOFF

Event Information

When: Wednesday, Feb 18, 2009

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Calvary Baptist Church
606 E 9th St
Des Moines, IA and
at the State Capitol

RSVP to Eileen Fisher at 319-400-3632 or
E-mail Eileen@cafeiowacan.org

Funding Opportunity to Reduce Women's Health Disparities

Due Date: March 2, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Examples of activities may include: health walks, health fairs, health workshops, train the trainer health workshops, educational materials, and speaker fees for activities and events.

Project Time Frame: Awardees will have until August 28, 2009 to complete their projects (including submission of final report).

<http://www.womenshealth.gov/fund>