

## What's Happening At Cancer Services...

**Capital Chefs' Showcase**  
September 9, 2010

**Children's Holiday Party**  
December 5, 2010

Visit our website at [cancerservices.org](http://cancerservices.org)  
for more details on these events!

**\*\*NEW\*\***

We are now offering online support groups through various google forums. Current groups exist for Breast Cancer survivors and Caregivers. More groups are planned. If you are interested in connecting through an online support group, please contact Natalie at (225) 927-2273.

Brain Cancer Support Group  
*2nd Monday each month, 12 noon*  
Breast Cancer Support Group  
*3rd Tuesday each month, 11:30 am*  
Caregiver Support Group  
*3rd Thursday each month, 12 noon*  
Colorectal/Bladder/Liver  
Cancer Support Group  
*3rd Monday each month, 12 noon*  
Community Grief Support Group  
*Every Tuesday, 11:30 am-12:30 pm*  
Fit and Fearless Exercise Program  
*Every Mon. at 5:15 pm and  
Tues. & Thurs. at 9:30 am*  
General Cancer Support Group  
*Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm*  
Holistic Healing Support Group  
*1st Friday each month, 12 noon*  
Lung Cancer Support Group  
*3rd Friday each month, 12 noon*

Lymphoma/Leukemia and  
Myelodysplasia Support Group  
*Last Friday each month, 12 noon*  
Multiple Myeloma Support Group  
*2nd Wednesday each month, 12 noon*  
Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Group  
*3rd Wednesday each month, 4 pm*  
Ascension Parish Make Today Count:  
*4th Wednesday each month, 12 noon*  
Baton Rouge Make Today Count:  
*4th Thursday each month, 12 noon*  
Livingston Parish Make Today Count:  
*2nd Monday each month, 3 pm*  
St. James Parish Make Today Count:  
*1st Thursday each month, 5 pm*  
West Feliciana Parish Make Today Count:  
*1st Wednesday each month, 12 noon*  
YogaThrive! *Every Monday at 10:30 am*

Please call us at (225) 927-2273  
for locations of meetings.

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Thank you for your support.  
Every dollar you donate  
to Cancer Services  
is used to provide programs and  
services to support and care for those  
in our community living with cancer.

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**We need you** to help those in our community living with, through and beyond cancer. Donate to Cancer Services by giving a financial gift or volunteering your time. You can also help by donating durable medical equipment like wheelchairs and walkers. Visit [cancerservices.org](http://cancerservices.org) or call (225) 927-2273 to get started.

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## Sirens, Puppies and Bears...Oh My!

### 16th Annual Camp Care Makes an Impact in Community

Is there really a summer camp where you get handcuffed, visit with bears and spend afternoons with pals like Lilly the Lab? Yes! Cancer Services' Camp Care for children with cancer and their siblings.

At this year's 16th annual camp, 31 children enjoyed a week of events that included classic favorites like indoor rock climbing, roller skating and fishing, with several brand new events such as demonstrations from the East Baton Rouge Parish Emergency Medical Service and Police department, a 3-D movie and pet therapy.

"Camp Care is so much more than just a regular camp," said volunteer Camp Director, Jana Poché. "It's a special retreat for children who are otherwise consumed with hospital visits, treatments and cancer. It's truly a fun, care-free time for the children and their families, especially because the siblings can attend as well."

We would like to give a special thanks to the camp counselors, Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital, the St. Jude Affiliate Clinic in Baton Rouge and all of the vendors who provided events throughout the week. Also, we give a huge thank you to Jana Poché for her 15 years of dedication and support of Camp Care.

*Photos from top: Jana Poché and Camper Mikey, Camper Anna and Lily the Lab, Counselor Blake and Camper Trevor, Campers and Counselors at City Park.*



**Our Mission:**  
To improve life  
for those living  
with cancer.

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## Cancer Services Hosts National Conference

More than 25 years ago, cancer agencies from across the country joined together to form CANSA--the Cancer Agency National Staff Association. This group consists of non-profit organizations that provide free or discounted services to cancer patients in each of their local communities. Once-a-year, the 50-60 agencies that make up CANSA meet for a conference hosted by one of the agencies.

Cancer Services is proud to be hosting the 2010 National CANSA conference September 22-24 here in Baton Rouge. Agencies like ours from across the country will converge for two days of seminars, good conversation and of course, excellent cuisine!

**"We are honored to have visitors from many states here in our city,"** said Executive Director Mimi Riché. "We have an agenda packet with seminars about standards for non-profit excellence, new services for cancer survivors, fundraising and marketing principles and much more. In addition to all the learning, we open with a welcome dinner hosted by board member, Renee Furr, followed by a night of fun at the

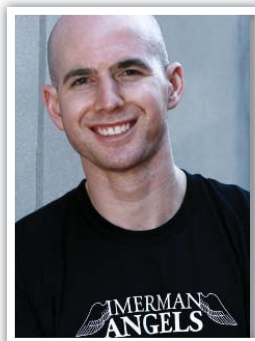


Capital Area United Way Jambalaya Jam. All in all, we think the attendees will really enjoy their time in Baton Rouge."

One of the featured speakers at the conference is testicular cancer survivor, Jonny Imerman, founder of Imerman Angels, a network based out of Chicago that connects cancer survivors on an international scope. He will speak on the importance of relationship-building between cancer survivors.

"I love sharing my cancer experience and the stories of our agency with other people," said Imerman. "We believe that connecting survivors, as well as caregivers, across the globe can have a huge impact on survivorship. I'm excited to travel to Baton Rouge to speak to the CANSA agencies."

We would like to give special thanks to Baton Rouge Area Foundation and Capital Area United Way for allowing us to host our seminars in their facilities. For more information, visit [cancerservices.org](http://cancerservices.org) or call 927-2273.



Jonny Imerman, one of several featured speakers for the 2010 CANSA Conference.



Above from top: Student Erica Butler trims and styles a wig for Cancer Services. Student Kim Scott enjoys curling wigs for the boutique. Educator Ms. Butler (R) congratulates student Stephanie Nash on a job well-done.



Earlier this year, we were fortunate to receive many donated wigs for our Wig Boutique. These wigs needed grooming and we needed the help of those with hairdressing expertise and an eye for style. From this challenge came a partnership with the **Baton Rouge Remington College Cosmetology program.**

Each month, a volunteer from our agency takes wigs to the school where students in the program shampoo, cut and style them into an updated 'do.' According to an article written in "Today @ Remington," the Remington College newsletter, cosmetology students have revived over 100 wigs for our boutique since the partnership began in February.

In the article, Baton Rouge Remington College Department Chair Frances Kelly said, "Our students are doing an awesome job with the wigs. They not only feel good about being in a position to help women going through treatment for cancer, but doing so also gives them a chance to show their talent and creativity."

When our Volunteer Coordinator Cindi Tramonte heard of the opportunity to partner with the students, she knew it could potentially revive our boutique.

"We are so impressed with the hard work of these student volunteers," said Tramonte. "Their talents have brought life and style to wigs we originally thought were unusable. The newly styled wigs are flying off the mannequins now!"

**The Wig Boutique** is a free service for anyone with a cancer diagnosis. Clients can receive up to 3 wigs on a loan basis.

"Finding normalcy during cancer treatment is tough," said Executive Director Mimi Riché. "For some women, losing their hair is the hardest part. Our hope is that by providing stylish, up-to-date wigs, we can - in a small way - help women maintain a sense of normalcy and face their challenges with confidence."

For more information on our Wig Boutique, visit [www.cancerservices.org](http://www.cancerservices.org) or contact our office at (225) 927-2273. To view the article about the wig partnership program in "Today @ Remington," visit their website at <http://today.remingtoncollege.edu>.

# Road Map for the Future

*Last year, we celebrated 50 years of service to our community. This year, we look ahead.*

*When we asked our staff and board of directors to brainstorm short term, intermediate and long term goals for the agency, Vision 2015 was born. While some of these visions may be "pie in the sky" dreams, they are all ways we hope to advance the mission of our agency and our long-standing reputation for service excellence.*



*Conversations are ongoing as we develop Vision 2015. Whether it's upgrading the supplies we offer, adding building space or expanding our 10-parish service area, it is our promise to find ways to better serve the ever-changing needs of today's cancer survivor.*

## Vision 2015

Due to the side effects of treatment, clients sometimes need a variety of supplies. We began offering medical supplies when we opened our doors in 1959. As we move forward, our goal is to provide better quality products to meet our clients' requests and needs.

It's no secret that space is limited at Cancer Services. Vision 2015 includes plans for additional building space to allow more room for support groups, survivorship programs and offices.

It grieves us to know that there are cancer patients in many areas of our state who need our help, but don't live in one of our 10 parishes. Vision 2015 includes a plan to expand our service area and create a mobile unit that can travel to outlying communities to better serve those in need.

We can't do what we do without the generosity of our community. Since our Annual Giving Program began in 2008, we have raised nearly \$300,000 each year to help provide client programs and services. Through Vision 2015, we double this amount annually to make our other goals possible.

Vision 2015 includes a goal for additional programs, such as respite care and case management. In order to meet these long term goals, Cancer Services needs a comprehensive database system that better combines all facets of our growing agency.

**Improving Life. Empowering Lives.**

*We look at how our tagline — Improving Life. Empowering Lives. — exemplifies the work that this agency has historically provided, what it means to those who have experience our services today and how it guides our plans for the future.*

### Laurina Conger, Candlelighter Mom

"When I see the tagline words, I think of Camp Care—it takes cancer out of the equation and provides normalcy to pediatric patients, like my son, who looks forward to camp year after year."

### Cintia Mallett, Survivor

"When I hear the tagline, I think of all you did for me when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I got a wig, scarves, and nutritional supplement to keep me going. I went through a lot of pain and discomfort, but I made it with your help! Thank you for improving and empowering my life."

### Mary Doerner, Volunteer

"The volunteers and staff here improve and empower lives, from encouraging smiles to helping with fundraising events that provide revenue for free programs and services. And, we are always mission-focused."

### Cole Thornton, Client, Volunteer, Past Board President

"Improving life, empowering lives sums up what Cancer Services is all about. They empower our community with information on the disease and offer new hope and direction to improve lives."

### Alston Johnson, Board Member

"One of the most important initial questions for cancer survivors is 'How am I going to continue to improve my life while battling cancer, and how will I gain the strength to wage a war against the disease?' Cancer Services can answer that question with free services and support programs—a true testament to empowerment and an improved lifestyle."

### Frank Muscarello, Volunteer, Survivor

"I thought I knew what empowerment meant — until it came to being a cancer patient. This agency increases the strength of clients by providing support and showing them that they can overcome cancer, have good quality of life and have strength to fight on."



## Events and Fundraisers Make A Difference

For 51 years, Cancer Services has relied on the generosity of this community - through public and private fundraisers and events - to provide our many programs and services. This year is no exception. The Greater Baton Rouge area has stepped up to the plate and awarded donations that are helping serve over 5,000 people fighting and surviving cancer in our area.

We offer a special thanks to events held within our community for their support of Cancer Services, including the following:

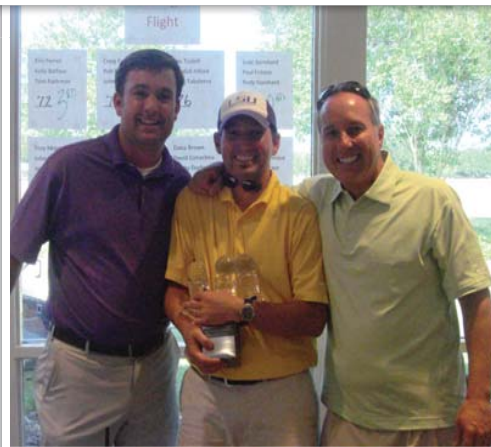
- The Lorraine Ott Memorial Golf Classic**
- Cancer Services Aquinas Leage Tennis Classic**
- The Baton Rouge Pro Tennis Classic**
- “Flashback” Band Reunion Performance**
- Episcopal High School Powerlifting Tournament**
- Pool Tournament Held in Honor of Donnie Reynolds**
- Shenendoah Elementary Footsteps for Friends Walk**
- Fleet Feet 5k Fiesta**
- Live Oak Concours d'Elegance Car Show**

“The money that is raised for Cancer Services stays right here in our community to help those dealing with a cancer diagnosis,” said Development Director Connie Caldwell. “We say it all the time and it’s 100% true--we could not do what we do if it weren’t for the kind-hearted people in our area who understand the importance of giving back. We are so appreciative for their support.”

We also thank the individual donors and grantors listed on pages 8 - 12 and Capital Area United Way.

To find ways in which you can donate or volunteer, please visit our website at [www.cancerservices.org](http://www.cancerservices.org) or call 927-2273. You truly make a difference.

**\$82,500** Dollars raised from special events since April 2010.



**Top:** Peggy and Kevin Allain from Plaquemine participate in the Fleet Feet 5k in memory of family members affected by pancreatic cancer. **Below:** From L, The Oaks at Sherwood Manager Blaine Patin, participant Casey Cabbage and tournament coordinator Jimmy Ott at the 4th Annual Lorraine Ott Memorial Golf Classic.

## Cooking Up Something Good!



**Above:** From L, Cancer Services Development Director Connie Caldwell, board member Matt Colvin, board member Dr. Jeff Deyo and Honorary Chair Couple of the 2010 Capital Chefs' Showcase Coach Paul Mainieri and his wife Karen are all smiles at last year's Showcase event.



**Above:** Invitations for this year's Capital Chefs' Showcase display the theme of this year's event: "Cancer Services... Planning for the Future!" **At right:** Silent Auction items include fine art, jewelry, and plenty of sports memorabilia!



Did you know? Since Capital Chefs' Showcase began 28 years ago, \$3 million dollars have been raised to provide wigs, nutritional supplement, resource information, medical supplies, emotional support, financial assistance and so much more to local cancer patients.

Capital Chefs' Showcase is definitely a fun way to give back to Cancer Services. The event includes 26 chefs and caterers, exquisite silent auction items, live music and a raffle for a \$4,000 shopping spree at Lee Michael's.

Help provide support to those fighting and surviving cancer in our community! Buy your tickets today--there's still time!



**When:** Thursday, September 9th  
**Time:** Silent Auction Preview 6pm  
 Showcase Begins 7pm  
**Where:** Crowne Plaza Hotel  
**How:** Tickets available online at [www.cancerservices.org](http://www.cancerservices.org) or (225) 927-2273  
 \$100 per person

# Grants, Memorials, Honoraria & Gifts

January 1, 2010-July 31, 2010

## Grants

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Susan G. Komen  
Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.  
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