

# CORE NEWS

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Congratulations to **Tom Chapman for being honored as the 2014 Philanthropist of the Year** as reported in the [Atlanta Business Chronicle](#). By the end of the month, the new Cancer Survivorship Connection, funded by Tom and wife Karen, will be on [GeorgiaCancerInfo.org](#). Thanks for all you do, Tom!



**CANCER SURVIVORSHIP CONNECTION**  
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## Gwinnett Medical expanding cancer care offerings

The Gwinnett Medical Center Cancer Institute is ramping up its offerings and quality of service in cancer care for patients in northeast metro Atlanta. First, it has been deemed a Lung Cancer Screening Center of Excellence by the Lung Cancer Alliance. Thoracic Oncology Nurse Navigator Nancy McCormick, RN, OCN was instrumental in working with the Thoracic Oncology Steering Committee to position the program for this accolade.

"Nancy and all the staff at the Gwinnett Medical Center Cancer Institute should be very proud to have achieved this quality distinction," said Alice Kerber, MN, APRN, ACNS-BC, AOCN, APNG, Georgia CORE's Oncology

## ACTS grants awarded to ten organizations

Georgia CORE has announced the 2014 recipients of the Georgia Access to Care, Treatment and Services (ACTS) Grant. The grant is funded by Georgia's breast cancer license tag program, which contributes \$22 from each tag purchased or renewed with the Georgia Department of Revenue into the ACTS fund.

The 2014 winners include **Central Georgia Cancer Coalition and Meadows Regional Medical Center**, both of which won grants of approximately \$100,000 for treatment programs. Additional winners are **Athens Regional Foundation, Center for Black Women's Wellness, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, East Georgia Cancer Coalition, Gwinnett Medical Center, Hearts & Hands Clinic, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute, and Susan G. Komen Atlanta Affiliate**, all of which won grants of approximately \$50,000 for education programs. [Read more](#)



## George Washington University Cancer Institute develops survivorship e-learning series for primary care providers

In collaboration with the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the GW Cancer Institute in Washington, D.C. has developed a free, online educational program for primary care Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Nurses who practice in a variety of settings. The Cancer Survivorship E-Learning Series for Primary Care Providers' objectives are to: 1) increase PCP's awareness of the ongoing needs of cancer survivors; 2) increase their knowledge of how to care for cancer survivors; and 3) increase their ability to provide follow-up care for cancer survivors. Free continuing education credits are available. [Read more](#)

## CORE Bits

Georgia CORE staff members visited the **State Office of Rural Health** in Cordele, Ga. last month to discuss ways in which our organizations

Nurse Specialist. [Read more](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 6**  
 Debates and Didactics in  
 Hematology and Oncology  
*Sea Island*

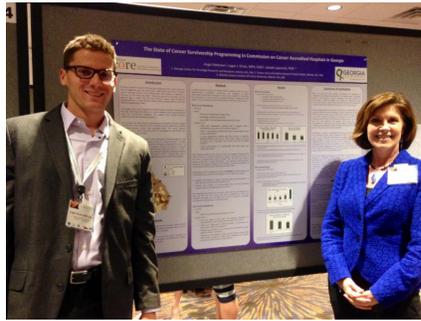
**August 13**  
 Give Your Body a Tune Up!  
*Lawrenceville*

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**Georgia CORE** is an independent nonprofit that generates collaborative resources for cancer prevention, care, research and education. Funded by government and foundation grants, research contracts, sponsorships and private contributions, Georgia CORE fosters collaboration toward better cancer care and faster answers. Its flagship initiative is [GeorgiaCancerInfo.org](http://GeorgiaCancerInfo.org), the first statewide online cancer information center.

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can collaborate to improve access to cancer education, prevention, treatment and survivorship care in rural parts of the state. **Charles Owens**, Executive Director for the State Office of Rural Health, provided great insight into the unique needs of rural Georgians in regard to chronic disease management and care.



In June, Atlanta was the host city of the **7th Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference** sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, LIVESTRONG Foundation and National Cancer Institute. Georgia CORE presented a poster at the conference that highlighted data from two surveys of

Commission on Cancer accredited hospitals in Georgia describing the availability of cancer survivorship care throughout the state.

Georgia CORE, together with the **Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology** and **Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia** are conducting a statewide pilot study to investigate the effectiveness of a mixed method educational program versus web-based learning only for oncology patient navigators relative to knowledge and application of integrative oncology modalities. The study will also investigate the impact of mixed method educational program versus web based learning only on navigator burnout levels. The study is a product of collaboration by investigators from Emory University, Georgia CORE and the Harbin Clinic. Please contact [Alice Kerber](mailto:Alice.Kerber@emory.edu), 404-584-1178 or [Angie Patterson](mailto:Angie.Patterson@emory.edu), 404-584-0657 for more information and to participate in the study.

The 3rd annual Stand Up for Stand Down toiletry drive for Georgia's homeless Veterans, sponsored by the metro area Pilot International Clubs, **Georgia Cancer Specialists** and **Northside Hospital** is happening through Sept. 5. The drive collects a variety of much-needed toiletry and personal care items to fill "comfort bags" for Veterans who attend the Atlanta VA Medical Center's annual "Stand Down" event in October. Donations can be dropped off at all [Georgia Cancer Specialists locations](#).

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