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Free Program Services-updated December 2009

*** INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING FOR PATIENTS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS**

CCI strives to provide **UP to 6 free** sessions for patients, families, and friends with one of our 35 staff practitioners including psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed social workers, if funding will allow. Services are offered in the greater Houston area including Cy-Fair, The Woodlands, Kingwood, Katy, Sugar Land, Clear Lake, Pasadena, Pearland, Humble and Galveston. Sessions are also offered in-home if the patient, family member, or friend is disabled, indigent, or otherwise unable to drive.

FREE GROUP COUNSELING SERVICES:

*** ASIAN AMERICAN SERVICES:**

Counseling services, underwritten by Cancer Counseling, are available through Asian American Family Services in Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, and Hindi. Call 713-339-3688 for more information.

*** HISPANIC PATIENT & CAREGIVER GROUP:**

~West University Area:

This group is designed for patients and caregivers whose primary language is Spanish. Groups meet on the **2nd & 4th Saturdays** at 11:00am at the Cancer Counseling office. Led by Mercedes Villarreal, MA, LPC.

*** MEN WITH CANCER GROUPS:**

~Inner Loop:

Mondays from 6-7 pm at the Cancer Counseling office. Led by Travis Courville, LCSW. This group is open to men of any age who have cancer. **Postponed. Call for more details 713-520-9873.**

*** PATIENT & CAREGIVER GROUPS:** Cancer patients, their family members, and friends are welcome

~Inner Loop:

Thursday from 6-7:00 pm. Sessions will be held at the Cancer Counseling office with Travis Courville, LCSW. 3015 Richmond Ave., Suite 280 (Board Room, 2nd Floor). **Will begin in January 2010.. Call for more details 713-520-9873.**

~Clear Lake:

1st Tuesday of the Month – 7 p.m. Deke Slayton Cancer Center, 501 Medical Center Blvd, Webster, TX 77598 – Family Support Group for Cancer Patients & Caregivers, hosted by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – open to all cancer patients & caregivers. Facilitated by: Don Lefeber, ACSW-LCSW & Rose Lefeber, ACSW-LMSW

~Katy:

Wednesdays (starting January 2010) from 7-8 pm at Christus St.Catherine Hospital, Administrative Board Room. Led by Lee Ann Elvig, RN, MSN, MA, JD, LPC. Cancer patients, their family members, and friends are welcome.

~Memorial City:

Mondays from 7-8:30 pm at Memorial Hermann Hospital, Memorial City, 909 Frostwood Drive, Suite 152, Bldg. II. Led by Deb Hardee, MA, LPC & Naureen Ismail, R.N. Cancer patients, their family members, and friends.

~Northeast Houston/Humble:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm at Memorial Hermann Northeast Cancer Center, 18960 Memorial N. Humble, Texas 77338, in Lobby. Led by Mary Frances Heep, LCSW.

~West Houston:

4th Friday of each month at 12pm at the Jabourry Foundation located at the West Houston Medical Center, in the private Dinning Room by Cafeteria (12141 Richmond Ave, Houston, TX 770379) Led by Linda Lavinson, LMSW.

~Fort Bend County:

Thursdays from 6-7 pm at the Sugar Land Cancer Center. Led by Linda Lavinson, LMSW. (15550 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX 77478) Cancer patients, their family members, and friends are welcome.

2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Sugar Land Cancer Center. Led by Linda Lavinson, LMSW (15550 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX 77478). Held in conjunction with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ~ refreshments will be served.

~1960/Spring:

Mondays from 8-9 pm at Interface Samaritan Center. Cancer patients, family members and caregivers. Led by Terry Richter, LCSW, CGP. (6823 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379).

~Other Organizations:

Interface-Samaritan Counseling Centers is offering cancer support groups for cancer patients and families/support systems on **Wednesday** evenings, from 5:30 -6:45 p.m. at 4803 San Felipe. Groups will be held on an ongoing basis, beginning in August. To reserve a spot in the group, please call 713-626-7990, ext. 222 or email info@interface-samaritan.com.

***BEREAVEMENT GROUP:**

~West University Area:

CCI office (4101 Greenbriar, Ste., 317) in the West University area. Anyone who has lost a loved one to cancer is welcome at this group. Sessions are led by Barbara Abramowitz, LPC, LMFT, LCDC.

Postponed until further notice.

***CHILDREN'S PARTIES AT MD ANDERSON & TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Parties are scheduled throughout the year for children being treated at MD Anderson and Texas Children's Cancer Center. The 2006 Children's Party schedule is as follows:

Texas Children's Cancer Center (Parties are held from 10 am-12 noon):

Valentine's Day: February, 2010

Easter: April, 2010

Fall Festival: October, 2010

MD Anderson Cancer Center (Parties are held from 12 noon-1:30 pm):

St. Patrick's Day: March, 2010

End of School: June, 2010

Fall Festival: October, 2010

***CHERISHED NOTE PROGRAM**

Patients and their families may request that a memorial or tribute card be sent in memory of a loved one or in honor of an occasion, with a donation. This card will be sent to the loved one's family or to the individual celebrating the occasion.

***ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR PATIENTS, CAREGIVERS, & PROFESSIONALS**

This conference is offered free of charge to patients and caregivers and covers a wide range of topics relevant to the cancer experience. **Friday, March 5, 2010** at the United Way Building located 50 Waugh Dr. Registration is required; exhibitor space is available.

For more information and to register for group and individual sessions, please contact the Cancer Counseling office at 713-520-9873 or 1-877-CCI-8447. All patients **must** complete a confidential phone intake before being seen by a CCI therapist individually or in a group.

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