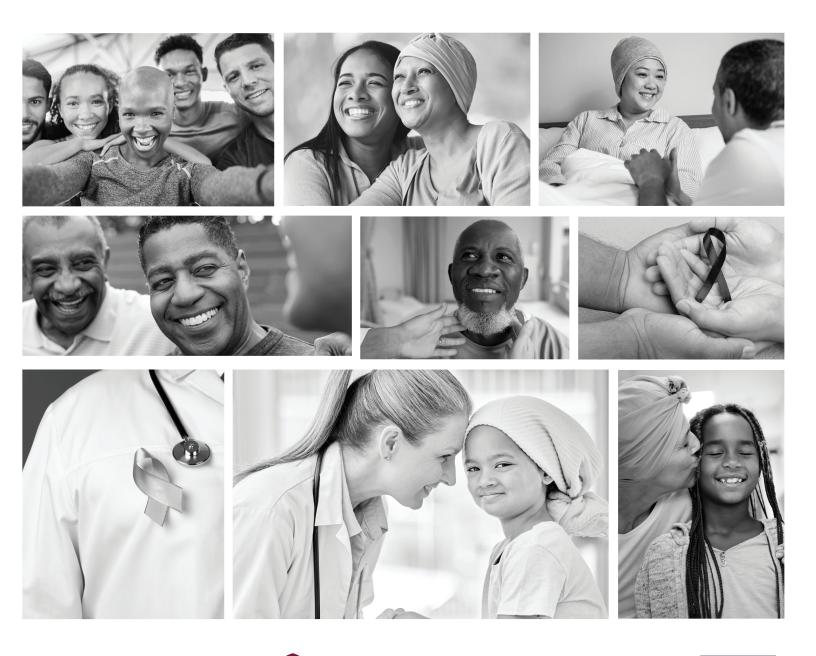


### MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE'S CANCER SURVIVORSHIP SUMMIT Spring Forward: Early Detection & Screening Saturday, April 13, 2024 · 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM CDT · A Hybrid Event



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# Meharry Medical College's CANCER SURVIVORSHIP SUMMIT

Meharry Medical College (MMC), in partnership with The Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC), presents the Cancer Survivorship Summit — Spring Forward: Early Detection and Screening. This awareness and education summit will focus on increasing screening for five cancers: breast, cervical, lung, colorectal, and prostate.

The Cancer Survivorship Summit will bring together professional cancer organizations, cancer survivor organizations, health disparities researchers, providers, social and civil organizations, rural and medically underserved communities to share and discuss current information about the importance of cancer screening and early detection to reduce the burden of cancer in the state of Tennessee. Cancer experts will focus on screening and early detection of five cancers: breast, cervical, lung, colo-rectal, and prostate; and how they affect African Americans, LatinXs, and other medically underserved and rural populations.







**CANCER SURVIVORSHIP SUMMIT 2024** Spring Forward: Early Detection and Screening

Saturday, April 13, 2024 • 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM CDT • A Hybrid Event **The Cal Turner Family Center for Student Education** Meharry Medical College • 1101 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. N, Nashville, TN 37208





#### April 13, 2024

We extend our sincere gratitude to all participants of the 2024 Cancer Survivorship Summit - Spring Forward: Early Detection and Screening. This program aims to provide a comprehensive and evidence-based approach to cancer screening, early detection, treatment, and technologies. As a program with a decade-long tradition, we have brought together cancer survivors, scholars, personal and health services, and exhibitors who provide vital information on physical activities, CPR, breast cancer, men's health, and more.

We are honored to have Dr. Ben Ho Park, Director of Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, deliver the keynote message and Dr. Timothy Folse, Clinical Director of SJLIFE Study Cohort Team at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Additionally, cancer survivors will share their testimonies about their cancer journeys. Expert panelists will shed light on pertinent topics such as cervical, breast, and oral cancers, mental health services, and safe psychological spaces during treatment. This program is co-sponsored by the Office of Strategic Initiatives and Innovation, Intercultural Cancer Council, TN CEAL, and the Tennessee Department of Health.

We are pleased to offer this hybrid evidence-based community program, which is staffed by 1Joshua Group (1JG), volunteers from the Meharry and Nashville communities, Summit Planning Committee members, and TNCEAL Community Health Workers.

We are grateful for the opportunity to address cancer survivorship and resilience in our communities. We thank you for your engagement, support, and participation. We invite you to join us in 2025 as we continue to share the latest developments related to cancer screening, treatment, and technologies and their influence on our communities.

Patricia A. Matthews-Juarez, Ph

Senior Vice President, Office of Strategic Initiatives and Innovation Immediate Past Chair & Summit Chair, Intercultural Cancer Council Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine Meharry Medical College





April 13, 2024

Welcome to the 2024 Cancer Survivorship Summit, titled "Spring Forward: Early Detection and Screening." We are honored to have you with us today, and we extend cordial greetings on behalf of the Intercultural Cancer Council.

The pandemic brought about a period of transformation and progress, where we united to reinvigorate marginalized public health practices and discover ways to survive COVID-19. The impact was widespread, drastically altering healthcare delivery. Nonetheless, despite this challenge, cancer survivors continued to receive treatment, follow-up, and surveillance, and we are in awe of their fortitude and resilience.

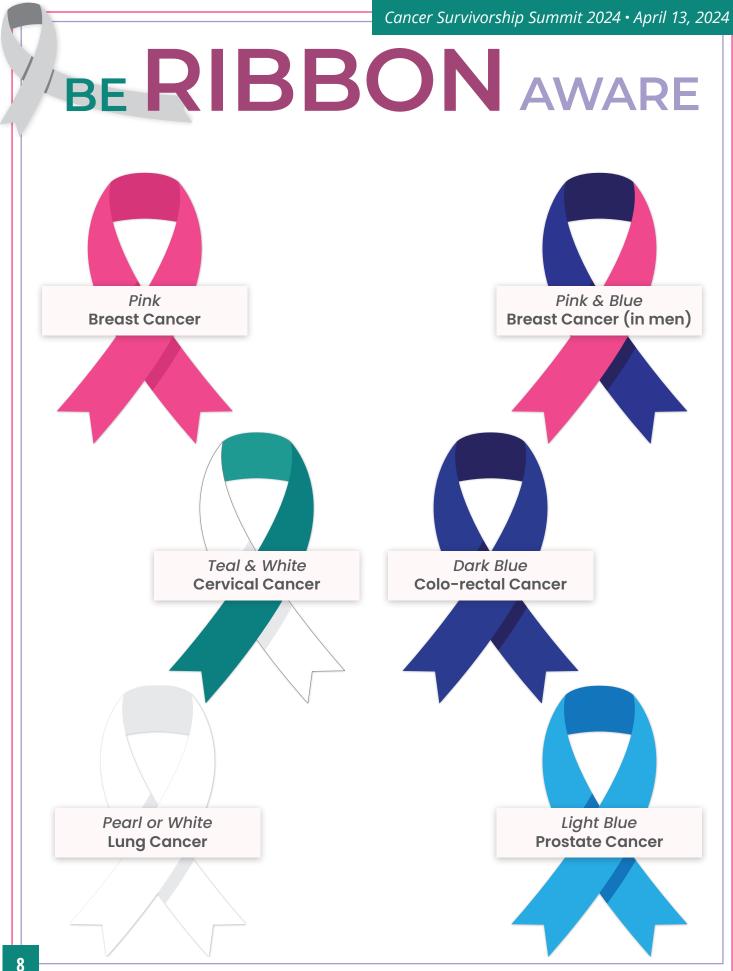
As we glimpse into the future, we must concentrate on the possibilities and prospects that await us. This year's summit will delve into four wide-ranging areas: survivors' perspectives, advances in cancer care, equity, and mental health in the post-pandemic era. We have invited esteemed experts to share their knowledge with you, and we hope that this conference will provide you with a renewed sense of optimism and purpose.

We believe that through collective effort, we can make a difference in the lives of cancer survivors. Let us strive towards a future where we can enjoy the best possible survival

experience. ma C. Hurd

Thelma C. Hurd, MD, MPH

Chair & Summit Co-Chair, Intercultural Cancer Council Professor, Public Health & Thondapu Family Endowed Chair in Medical Education, University of California-Merced Adjunct Professor, Community and Family Medicine, Meharry Medical College



### **OPENING SESSION**

Reflection



#### Col. James E. Williams, Jr., MS

Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition (PPCC)

#### Reflection



**Essie F. Perkins** Breast Cancer Survivor

#### Welcome



#### Patricia A. Matthews-Juarez, PhD

James E.K. Hildreth, Sr., PhD, MD

President & CEO, Meharry Medical College

- Senior Vice President, Office of Strategic Initiatives and Innovation
- Immediate Past Chair & Summit Chair, Intercultural Cancer Council
- Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine

Meharry Medical College

#### Greetings



Moment of Silence & Prayer



### Rev. Edwin C. Sanders, II

Senior Servant and Founder, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church Nashville, TN

#### **Surviving & Thriving**



### **Rev. Enoch Fuzz**

Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church Nashville, TN

## **OPENING SESSION** CONTINUED...

**A Survivor's Story** 



**Purpose of the Summit** 



**Importance of Partnering** 



Introduction of **Keynote Speaker** 



**Keynote Speaker** 



Reflection



**Michael Holtz** 

Stage-3B Colorectal Cancer Survivor

#### Thelma C. Hurd, MD, MPH

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#### Kimbery D. Lamar, PhD, MPH, MSEH

Assistant Commissioner Office of Health Disparities Elimination Tennessee Department of Health

#### Claudia Barajas, BS

Manager, Community Engagement Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

#### Ben Ho Park, MD, PhD

Benjamin F. Byrd, Jr. Chair in Oncology Director, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center Professor of Medicine, Division Hematology Oncology Vanderbilt University Medical Center

#### **Tasneem Ahmed, MS**

Educator & Community Volunteer Breast Cancer Survivor

### **A CANCER SURVIVOR'S JOURNEY**

**Moderator** 



**Dwana "Dee" Calhoun** SelfMade Health Network

Childhood Cancer Survivorship



**Timothy E. Folse, MD** Clinical Director, SJLIFE Study Cohort Team Division of Cancer Survivorship St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

#### A Survivor's Story



Social Worker Tennessee State Univeristy Graduate Colorectal Cancer Survivor

Two-Time Breast Cancer Survivor

A Survivor's Story



A Survivor's Story



#### Heather Thresher Stage-4 Lung Cancer Survivor

**Dorothy M. Tolar** 

### Lee Allen

## **CANCERS & ACCESS TO SERVICES**

#### Reflection



#### **Teresa Young, MBA**

Linda A. Clayton, MD, MPH

Harvard School of Public Health

Nashville Oncology Associates

Meharry Medical College

Academic Technology & Training Director Meharry Medical College Breast Cancer Survivor

Adjunct Professor, Department fo OB-GYN

Physician Consultant, Tennessee Department of Health Instructor, Department of Health Policy & Management

#### **Moderator**



#### **Breast Cancer**



#### **Colorectal Cancer**



### Cathy Eng, MD

Carl Willis, MD

Nashville, TN

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center Professor of Medicine, Hematology and Oncology Director, Young Adult Cancers Program

#### **Prostate Cancer**



#### **Oral Cancer**



#### Professor, Internal Medicine & Urology Director, Men's Health Program

Kevin L. Billups, MD

Meharry Medical College

#### **James Cade**, DDS

Chair & Associate Professor Oral Diagnostic Sciences and Research School of Dentistry Meharry Medical College



### CANCERS & ACCESS TO SERVICES CONTINUED...

#### **Lung Cancer**



#### **Cervical Cancer**



#### Mental Health Services & Safe Psychological Space While in Treatment



#### **A Survivor's Story**



#### Nikki Hayes, MPH

Chief, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Centers of Disease Control and Prevention

Linda A. Clayton, MD, MPH

Adjunct Professor, Department fo OB-GYN Meharry Medical College Physician Consultant, Tennessee Department of Health Instructor, Department of Health Policy & Management Harvard School of Public Health

**Donna Grayer, LPC** Licensed Professional Counselor

#### **Vance Stacks, Jr.** Three-Time Male Breast Cancer Survivor Founder, Pink Ain't What You Think

### WRAP-UP & CLOSING

**Musical Selection** 



#### **Kimberly D. Fleming** International Film and Broadway Recording Artist

#### **Closing Remarks**



Patricia A. Matthews-Juarez, PhD Meharry Medical College



#### **AHMED, TASNEEM**

Tasneem Ahmed, MS - I am an educator and community volunteer who survived breast cancer and taught at Eakin Elementary School in Nashville. I also work with our Islamic Center of Nashville and serve on their Board of Trustees.

#### ALLEN, LEE

Mr. Allen is a 33-year survivor of colorectal cancer. As a Black man, Mr. Allen suggests paying attention toour bodies. He also recommended getting an annual exam and being screened. Cancer does not need to be a death sentence. He graduated from Tennessee State University with a degree in Social Work and worked for Bigstone American for 25.5 years. He also worked at Metro National School System as a bus driver.

#### **BARAJAS, CLAUDIA**

Claudia Barajas, BS, is a Manager of Community Engagement for the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (VICC). In this role, Claudia works to enhance the use of evidence-based strategies to increase knowledge and engagement in cancer prevention activities (e.g., screening) and clinical trial participation to reduce cancer risk and cancer disparities among African American, Rural populations and Latinos in the VICC catchment area. In this role, Claudia uses her wealth of knowledge in community engagement to establish and leverage partnerships that serve the needs of minority populations in Tennessee to address this goal. Claudia also earned her B.S. in Computer Science.

#### **BILLUPS, KEVIN**

Kevin Billups is a urologist, who has focused his career on men's health and sexual medicine. He received his medical degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, and his undergraduate degree from Harvard University. Dr. Billups completed a residency in urology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital Brady Urologic Institute and completed fellowship training in sexual medicine, male infertility, and vascular biology at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. In July 2016, Dr. Billups began his position as Executive Director of the Meharry Men's Health Program and as a professor of medicine. He provides men's health services at Total Health Medical and Dental Clinic in Antioch.

#### CADE, JAMES E.

Dr. James Cade received his dental degree, in 1979 from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. He earned a Certificate in Oral Pathology from the Emory University School of Dentistry in 1982. From 1982–2006Dr. Cade was a professor at the LSU School of Dentistry, Department of Oral Diagnosis/Medicine/Radiology and was in private practice from 2006–2016 in Tennessee. He joined the faculty of the Meharry School of Dentistry in January 2016 and currently is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences. Dr. Cade is a retired Army Colonel serving two tours in Iraq and Hurricane Katrina duty. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Medicine, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists.

#### **CALHOUN, DWANA "DEE"**

Dwana "Dee" Calhoun is the Director of the CDC National Network: Self Made Health Network (SMHN). Self Made Health Network is a member of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)Consortium of National Networks to Impact Populations Experiencing Tobacco-Related and Cancer Health Disparities that specifically focuses on populations with low socioeconomic status(SES) characteristics(including low-income populations)nationwide. Ms. Calhoun has over20years of senior management experience combined in corporate and state government sectors combined with responsibilities for divisions including: public health, healthcare quality improvement, medical compliance, and chronic disease case management.

#### **CLAYTON, LINDA A.**

Linda A. Clayton, MD, MPH is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Gynecologic Oncologist and Public Health Practitioner. Her career is concentrated in academic medicine, health policy and population health. She is the first African-American woman in the United States to be sub-specialty trained in Gynecologic Oncology. She is currently an Adjunct Professor, Dept OB/Gyn and Dept Family and Community Medicine, Meharry Medical College; Physician Consultant, Reproductive and Women's Health, Tennessee Department of Health; and Instructor Harvard School of Public Health. After graduating from North Carolina Central University, she earned her M.D. degree at Duke University Medical School. She completed an OB/GYN residency and a Gynecologic Oncology fellowship at Duke. She has certification in Epidemiology from Johns Hopkins and earned her MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health. She holds Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Humanities, Education and Science. She has published extensively in Oncology, health policy and public health, in peer-reviewed journals in the U.S. and the United Kingdom. She is recipient of numerous awards and has received Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Humanities, Science and Education. Dr. Clayton is co-author, with her late husband, Dr. Byrd, of a two volume Pulitzer Prize Nominated book titled An American Health Dilemma. She is currently completing Volume Three of the book.

#### **ENG, CATHY**

Dr. Eng is a Professor of Medicine in Hematology and Oncology, is the Co-Director of GI Oncology and Co-Leader of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Research Program. She joined the faculty at Vanderbilt -Ingram Cancer Center in July 2019. Her primary clinical research interests include clinical trials involving innovative drugs for the treatment of colorectal, anal, and appendiceal cancers. She has a specific interest in young colorectal cancer patients as well as the role of immunotherapy in HPV-associated cancers. She has published multiple publications in these GI malignancies. Nationally, Dr. Eng has served in multiple leadership roles for ASCO, ASCO GI, ECOG, and the NCI Rectal/Anal Task Force. She has most recently been chosen to serve as the Vice-Chair for the SWOG GI Committee and the NCI GI Steering Committee. Dr. Eng received her MD from the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia.

FOLSE, TIM

Dr. Folse grew up in rural Mississippi, the son of a family physician. After college, he attended the University of Mississippi School of medicine, then completed residency in Family Medicine at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He practiced family medicine in urban & suburban Memphis for 20 years until being recruited to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He has spent the past 16 years in the Survivorship Clinics (After Completion of Therapy & SJLIFE research study) in patient care, overseeing exercise treadmill testing, educating patients, families, medical student, resident & visiting physicians from the U.S. & abroad. He is grateful to have learned about late effects from the almost 7,000 participant survivors in the SJLIFE study. This education from survivors has allowed him to communicate vital information to the survivors' local medical professionals, enabling them to provide the appropriate care needed for this special group.

Dr. Folse is married to Joyce and has 3 children, the youngest now approaching graduation in computer engineering. He is active in church choir and inner-city youth ministry. He enjoys backyard grilling and saltwater fishing

#### HAYES, NIKKI

Nikki Hayes has been with the CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) in the agency's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) since 2002. Before joining CDC, she was a Biologist in the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), where she established and managed the Institute's DNA Sequencing Core Facility for more than 10 years. Nikki is currently the Chief of the DCPC Comprehensive Cancer Control Branch and is responsible for the successful implementation of one of the agency's flagship, multi-million-dollar, cancer prevention and control programs, the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP). She also manages several other programs that focus on improving the quality of life of cancer survivors, particularly young breast cancer survivors and metastatic breast cancer patients; and advancing commercial tobacco use prevention and cancer prevention in populations experiencing tobacco- and cancer-related health disparities. Nikki has published a number of peer-reviewed manuscripts and presented to national audiences on topics that include disparities in cancer-health outcomes; increasing population-based cancer screening; cancer control planning and implementation; and COVID-19 incidence in disparate populations.

#### HOLTZ, MICHAEL

Michael Holtz is a 12-year survivor of StageIIIB rectal cancer and a passionate advocate for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. He is the volunteer fundraising director and sits on the board of directors for Man Up to Cancer, an organization dedicated to helping men facing cancer avoid isolation and find connection to improve their mental health, quality of life, and clinical outcomes. Holtz is a member of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network National Advocacy Team, Fight Colorectal Cancer Research Advocacy Training and Support program, and National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship Cancer Policy Advocacy Team. Holtz also represents the patient voice on the team revising the American Society for Radiation Oncology rectal cancer treatment guidelines. He is senior communications and marketing specialist at ORAU. Holtz lives in Knoxville with his wife, Sarah, and their rescue dog, Marley.

#### HURD, THELMA C.

Thelma C. Hurd, MD, MPH, FACS, the Chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council, holds the Thondapu Family Endowed Chair in Medical Education and is Professor of Public Health at UC Merced. As Director of Medical Education, she led the campus in establishing a BS-MD program. Currently, she is a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Health Disparities Equity and the Exposome at Meharry Medical College and directs the Center for Chronic Disease Management. Dr. Hurd directed the CTSA-funded Community Engagement Core at the Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science at UT Health Science Center and established community cancer screening and education programs in the Texas-Mexico Border Region and Buffalo, NY. She is well-published in breast cancer and health disparities and received the President's Volunteer Services Award and the Certificate of Congressional Recognition at the United Nations for her international work in cancer.

Dr. Hurd completed her MD from Rutgers Medical School, Newark, New Jersey, and surgical oncology fellowship training at the Ohio State University Columbus Ohio, and MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, respectively. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Brown University, and a Masters of Public Health in Global Health Leadership from George Washington University, Washington DC.

#### MATTHEWS-JUAREZ, PATRICIA A.

Patricia Matthews-Juarez, PhD, Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation and an adjunct Professor in the College of Life Sciences at Tennessee State University. She serves as the director of the Research Training Core for Health Disparities Research Center of Excellence at Meharry. She has developed and implemented a successful Teaching Academy that linked senior research mentors and community partners with early-stage investigators. She is the recent past president of the Intercultural Cancer Council, established and implemented the M. Alfred Haynes Research Institute for Social Equity (MAHRTISE), a national career development program focused on training early-stage investigators in the science of health disparities research. Funded by National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, she trained 27 health disparities researchers from across the United States who are conducting health disparities science and publishing. She directs the Joy McCann Endowed Scholar Program for women physicians, an endowment 2004 grant written and received. She is well-published and presents at national conferences on cultural competency, primary care, and COVID-19.

Dr. Matthews-Juarez holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Fisk University,Nashville, Tennessee, a Master of Social Work (casework and community organization) from New York University, School of Social Work, New York, New York, and the PhD from the Florence Heller School in social policy, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.

#### PARK, BEN HO

Ben Ho Park, M.D., Ph.D. attended The University of Chicago for his A.B. degree, followed by dual training at The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine where he received both his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. Dr. Park then trained in Internal Medicine and Hematology/Oncology at The University of Pennsylvania prior to completing a post-doctoral fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. Bert Vogelstein at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Park joined the faculty in the Breast Cancer Program at The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins in2002, and was Professor of Oncology, Associate Director of Education and Research Training and Associate Dean of Postdoctoral Affairs for the School of Medicine prior to joining Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 2018. He is currently the Benjamin F. Byrd, Jr. Chair in Oncology, Professor of Medicine and Director of the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. His research program involves identifying and validating genetic targets for breast cancer therapy and diagnostics. In particular, Dr. Park has pioneered the use of "liquid biopsies" to help guide future management of breast cancer therapies. He has also led the formation and implementation of molecular tumor boards at Hopkins and other institutions, and more recently at the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center.

SANDERS, EDWIN C.

Rev. Edwin C, Sanders, II, Senior Servant and Founder, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, Tennessee. He founded the First Response Center in 1992 to address substance abuse and sexual violence, advocate for children, promote harm reduction, and provide services to persons infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS through the First Response Center. Rev. Sanders graduated from Wesleyan University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, specializing in Cultural Anthropology. He has enrolled in graduate studies at Yale University Divinity School and as a special student at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. He began his professional life at Wesleyan as the Co-Director of the African American Institute, and he is a former member of the Wesleyan University Board of Trustees. The opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe and Africa was afforded Rev. Sanders as one of the first Thomas J. Watson Foundation fellows.

#### **STACKS, VANCE**

Vance Stacks, Jr. — Three-time male breast cancer survivor. My first diagnosis was in 2013, which required a mastectomy. In 2019, six years later, cancer was found in the same area, and I had a second mastectomy and 27 rounds of chemotherapy. Six months later, he was diagnosed a third time and underwent a mastectomy with 32 rounds of chemotherapy. On April 29, 2021, I rang the bell for being cancer free. I grew out of my pain and loss, inspiring me to found the Pink Ain't Whatcha Think organization. I am the proud father of three children with seven grandchildren.

#### SUARA, ZULFAT

Zulfat Suara was elected as an At-Large Council Member to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, in September2019, garnering over 34,000 votes from a diverse electorate. Her election marked several firsts: she became the first Muslim, the first immigrant in an At-Large position, and she is the first Muslim woman elected in the State of Tennessee. Furthermore, she is the first Nigerian woman to be elected to any office in the United States. Her 2023 re-election victory also made her the first person of color, male or female, in the Metro's 60-year history to win the chamber's 1st chair (the individual with the most votes in the 40-member council). As a council member, Suara has been a tenacious advocate for human rights, serving as Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, Chair of the Education Committee, Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee, and a member of the Audit, and Personnel/Public Information committees. Her TEDx talk, "Building Power Where You Seemingly Do Not Belong," was ranked as the 10th most-watched TEDx talk globally in October 2021. Zulfat is a Certified Public Accountant and serves as the Assistant Vice-President of Grants Accounting Management at Meharry Medical College. She has been married to her wonderful husband for 33 years and is a proud mother of five amazing children.

#### **THRESHER, HEATHER**

Heather Thresher — I was first diagnosed with Stage IV Lung Cancer in December 2018. I feel strongly to help and encourage others going through their own life struggles never to give up and embracewhatever situations they are in. Our struggles only make us stronger. I am 50 years old and themother of three (3) children. I am currently undergoing treatment every three weeks at Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center. I enjoy the creative arts. I sing, occasionally play the acoustic guitar, enjoy taking photos, love driving around in my jeep, and get out in nature.

#### **TOLAR, DOROTHY**

Dorothy Tolar — I am a 10-year, 2-time bilateral breast cancer survivor who is currently undergoing a 10-yearoral breast cancer treatment plan. I learned the most from this journey: to laugh out loud, live life with the expectation of living for tomorrow, and encourage others to have the same expectations for life.

#### WILLIAMS, JAMES E.

Col (Ret.) James E. Williams, Jr., MS, SPHR, a prostate cancer survivor diagnosed in 1991, has been active as an advocate for more than 27 years. He worked as a human resources administrator for 15 years after retiring from the Army after twenty-five years of service. He is a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). He is the principal of Jim Williams and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in prostate cancer awareness, education and advocacy. COL Williams is Board Chairman, Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition and Past Chair, Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC), Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX. He has appeared on NBC's Weekend Today program and was featured in Good Housekeeping,Cure, Prevention, CR, Male Call, The Voice, other magazines and newsletters speaking on the topics of prostate cancer awareness and advocacy. His many awards include The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Distinguished Public Service Award for Exceptional Leadership in Cancer Advocacy – 2018.

#### **YOUNG, THERESA**

Theresa Young, MBA, Academic Technology & Training Director, Meharry Medical College. I am oneyear cancer free. I was diagnosed in June 2021, completed lumpectomy and breast reconstruction surgery in December 2021, and lost my mom to Colon and Liver Cancer six (6)months before I was diagnosed. I went through several rounds of chemotherapy and radiation. Life is very different, but I am adjusting.

I am still here because of three things: God, family, and Vanderbilt! I had unbelievable family support from my daughter, siblings, nieces, aunts, and friends. I saw kindness in my co-workers, church members, and even strangers. I had the world's best Oncologist, Dr. Sonya Reid, and Surgeon, Dr. R. Sweeting. The nursing staff at Vanderbilt was amazing. God is great, and I'm blessed to be here. I have been working at Meharry for the past 10.5 years, training the campus on technology.

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#### **1JOSHUA GROUP**



We provide cost-effective solutions, measurable strategies, **1Joshua Group** and positive outcomes to increase visibility and reach target audiences to help our clients get THEIR word out to the right people in the right places at the right time!

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#### BREAST CANCER RECOVERY IN ACTION (BRA)



We provide the tools to empower breast cancer survivors physically and emotionally by creating inclusive communities where all can grow in strength, resilience, and joy. BRA programming focuses on fitness, nutrition, and emotional wellness for survivors no matter where they are in their breast cancer journey: just diagnosed, in treatment, finishing treatment, years out from diagnosis, or living with metastatic disease. Programming is offered at no cost to participants

through the generosity of individual and corporate sponsorships.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH AND EDUCATION NETWORK -**NASHVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL



**Congregational Health** and Education Network Nashville General Hospital

The mission of CHEN is to reduce the health disparities among Nashville's African American community by elevating education attainment and health literacy through faith-based partnership. Our mission is based on the principle that health disparities

can be reduced by addressing the social determinants of health (SDOH) and by creating and providing resources that will remove barriers that exist in our communities.

#### DEDICATED SENIOR MEDICAL CENTER

Value Based Care for Seniors in North Nashville

#### GILDA'S CLUB MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Gilda's Club Middle Tennessee uplifts and strengthens people impacted by cancer by providing support, fostering compassionate communities, and breaking down barriers to care.

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#### **GREATER NASHVILLE REGIONAL COUNCIL**



GREATER NASHVILLE **REGIONAL COUNCIL** caregivers.

As the Area Agency on Aging and Disability for 13 counties in Middle Tennessee, GNRC provides programs and services to older adults, adults with disabilities, their families and

#### HEIMERDINGER FOUNDATION



Our mission is to nourish the bodies, minds, and hearts of those facing cancer through the power of healthy meals and nutrition education.

Meals 4 Health and Healing

#### **KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC**



The fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is achievement in every field of human endeavor. This fraternity strives to unite college men of culture, patriotism, and honor in a bond of fraternity; to encourage honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor; to promote the spiritual, social, intellectual, and moral welfare of its members; to assist the aims of colleges and universities; and to inspire service in the public interest.

**KIM FLEMING Recording Artist/Musician** 

#### LEARN CPR AMERICA, LLC

Learn CPR America, LLC is a premiere provider of high quality Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, First AID, and AED training. We provide educational seminars, certification courses, and leadership development.

#### **MAN UP TO CANCER**



Man Up to Cancer encourages men facing cancer to find connection and avoid isolation. We offer virtual and in-person meetups, a chemotherapy care backpack program, and an annual in-person retreat.

More information at *manuptocancer.org*.

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#### MATTHEW WALKER COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER



Comprehensive Health Center, Inc.

MWCHC provides high-quality affordable care for underinsured MATTHEW WALKER and uninsured Middle Tennesseans.

#### MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



Dental education, screenings and cleanings.

#### MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

We provide mammograms to those insured, underinsured and the uninsured.

#### NASHVILLE ALUMNAE, DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.



Volunteer Community Outreach Committee

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, TENNESSEE



Founded in 1967 by a small group of successful retired NFL players, NFL Alumni is one of the oldest and most well-respected retired player organizations in professional sports. NFL Alumni's triple mission focuses on "caring for our own," "caring for kids," and "caring for the community." NFL Alumni Tennessee is one of more than 40 local NFL Alumni chapters nationwide.

For more information, visit www.NFLAGearUp.org/Tennessee.

#### THE NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER



We help women and teenage girls, regardless of income, discover the strength in themselves, inside and out, and to become the healthiest they can be through individualized world class coaching in fitness, nutrition, and behavior change.

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#### SISTERS NETWORK INC NASHVILLE



We are a Breast Cancer Survivorship Organization that share breast cancer awareness education and provide financial assistance.

**STEAM Community Health Workers** 

#### SURVIVOR FITNESS



SURVIVOR FITNESS Survivor Fitness is a nonprofit that helps cancer survivors regain their health and wellness.

#### SUSAN G. KOMEN



Susan G. Komen is the ONLY organization that addresses breast cancer on multiple fronts such as research, community health, global outreach and public policy initiatives in order to make the biggest impact against this disease. Our mission is to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. We will be providing

information pertaining to resources available for breast cancer survivors and those living with breast cancer, breast health educational information, and ways to get involved with Susan G. Komen.

#### THE TENNESSEE CANCER COALITION (TC2)



prevention  $\cdot$  early detection  $\cdot$  treatment  $\cdot$  survivorship

The Tennessee Cancer Coalition (TC2) is the statewide, **TENNESSEE CANCER COALITION** multidisciplinary, coalition providing education, networking, best practice sharing, & partnership opportunities for those working or interested in cancer prevention, care, & support. The coalition is committed to providing a neutral space for dialogue

from diverse perspectives to measurably reduce the burden & impact of cancer for Tennesseans. TC2 is free to join. Your membership will connect you to nearly 80 statewide organizations & over 100 individuals working together to create healthier communities in Tennessee.

#### Email: thetennesseecancercoalition@gmail.com

State of TN Cancer Plan: tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/program-areas/rwh/TNCancerPlan2018-2022.pdf

#### TENNESSEE CEAL PROGRAM AND CEO ROUNDTABLE ON CANCER

#### TN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ALLIANCE

TN CEAL will be conducting community research using the Common Survey 3 facilitated by Community Health Workers from our West TN Region.

## **EXHIBITORS & COLLABORATORS** *continued...* Logos and descriptors received at time of print

#### **TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



#### **TOGETHER BY ST. JUDE - ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL**





The Together by St. Jude<sup>™</sup> online resource provides trusted information about childhood and adolescent cancer, blood disorders, and other life-threatening diseases. Here you can find practical resources and shared stories from others like you. Together is a free resource provided by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

#### VANDERBILT-INGRAM CANCER CENTER

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Educational materials, promotional items, and cancer models

#### W.O.M.B. WOMEN MINISTRIES



We are a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization which empowers and educates women, men and their families in an effort to overcome battles of low self-esteem, lack of motivation and unemployment, which we address through spiritual counseling, job readiness training, financial management and empowerment retreats and conferences. One such conference and training is the Certified Cancer Caregivers training class.



"There is an opportunity for stakeholders across the National Cancer Program to act NOW to ensure that everyone in the United States has access to and receives appropriate cancer screening."

- TENNESSEE CANCER COALITION CANCER PLAN





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