

# Young Adult Survivor Connection Initiative

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## Dear Cancer Survivors, Caregivers, Oncology Health Care Professionals, and Community Members:

Thank you for taking a moment to review this **resource information sheet** specially designed for **young adult cancer survivors**. While you may not be a young adult cancer survivor, you may know of someone who is or may benefit from this information.

We believe cancer survivorship begins at the moment of diagnosis and continues many years after treatment is finished. The general definition of a young adult is an individual between the ages of 18-40. **The purpose of this resource information sheet is to increase your awareness of existing, age-appropriate resources and support available on both the local and national level.** Young adults facing cancer cope with unique issues that may differ from other groups. We want you to know that you, your loved one, or the patients you treat are not alone. There is information and support available and this resource information sheet is your personal guide to find it. We encourage you to explore each of these organizations to discover this for yourself.

The people who compiled these resources are part of the **Young Adult Survivor Connection Initiative**, which is funded in partnership with the American Cancer Society. **Our goal is to connect young adult cancer survivors in Metro Atlanta and surrounding areas with one another and provide education about existing resources offered in the community.** The Young Adult Survivor Connection Initiative is composed of the following Metro Atlanta organizations who are dedicated to the critical concerns unique to this underserved demographic: the American Cancer Society, Life Linkage Network, Saint Joseph's Hospital Cancer Survivors' Network, Young Adult Cancer Survivors of Atlanta, and the Young Survival Coalition. If you have any questions regarding these resources or would like more information concerning the Young Adult Survivor Connection Initiative, please contact any of these organizations. Our contact information is provided on the following page.

**Please use and share this resource with others.**

Thank you from the Young Adult Survivor Connection Initiative,



# Young Adult Cancer Survivor Resource Information

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## Atlanta Area Organizations

### **CAMP SUNSHINE**

[www.mycampsunshine.com/programs/youngadult.php](http://www.mycampsunshine.com/programs/youngadult.php)  
404-325-4949

**Description:** Provides support, programs, workshops, and other educational opportunities for young adults ages 18-23.

### **LIFE LINKAGE**

[www.lifelinkage.com](http://www.lifelinkage.com)  
[lifelinkage@gmail.com](mailto:lifelinkage@gmail.com)

**Description:** Devoted to connecting all areas of the young adult cancer community from individuals to organizations through online social networking.

### **PINK HEALS**

[pinkheals.org](http://pinkheals.org)

**Description:** Offers young adult women fun, confidence building activities in a supportive social setting to help them regain their strength, confidence, and sense of self following cancer.

### **YOUNG ADULT CANCER SURVIVORS OF ATLANTA**

[www.yacsatlanta.org](http://www.yacsatlanta.org)  
[info@yacsatlanta.org](mailto:info@yacsatlanta.org)

**Description:** A social support network for all young adults with cancer under the age of 40. Social activities are held each month in the greater Atlanta area.

### **YOUNG SURVIVAL COALITION**

[www.youngsurvival.org](http://www.youngsurvival.org)  
404-250-6508, [yacatlanta@youngsurvival.org](mailto:yacatlanta@youngsurvival.org)

**Description:** Local affiliate of the largest national organization dedicated to the critical issues unique to young women and breast cancer under the age of 40.

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## Local and National Organizations

### **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)  
404-315-1123

**Description:** The largest nationwide, community-based, voluntary organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem through prevention, education, advocacy, service, and research.

### **BEYOND THE CURE**

[www.beyondthecure.org](http://www.beyondthecure.org)  
404-315-2717, [survivorship@children-cancer.org](mailto:survivorship@children-cancer.org)

**Description:** Dedicated to helping childhood cancer survivors integrate the cancer experience into their new life as survivors and successfully handle the challenges that are ahead of them and to celebrate survivorship.

### **C IS FOR CUPID**

[www.cisforcupid.com](http://www.cisforcupid.com)  
[info@cisforcupid.com](mailto:info@cisforcupid.com)

**Description:** Online dating for people of all ages affected by cancer.

### **CAMP MAK-A-DREAM**

[www.campdream.org](http://www.campdream.org)  
406-549-5987, [camp@montana.com](mailto:camp@montana.com)

**Description:** Provides a medically supervised, cost-free Montana experience, in an intimate community setting, for children, young adults and families affected by cancer.

### **CANCER AND CAREERS**

[cancerandcareers.org](http://cancerandcareers.org)  
[ksweeney@cew.org](mailto:ksweeney@cew.org)

**Description:** Committed to changing the face of cancer in the workplace by providing a comprehensive website, free publications, and a series of support groups and educational seminars for women with cancer of all ages.

### **CANCERCARE'S YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM**

[www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org)  
1-800-813-HOPE, [info@cancercare.org](mailto:info@cancercare.org)

**Description:** Offers specialized services for young adult patients, caregivers and those who have lost a loved one, including counseling, support groups, and workshops.

### **COLON CLUB**

[www.colonclub.com](http://www.colonclub.com)

**Description:** Spreads the word about colon cancer with humor and an online message board for all ages.

### **FERTILE HOPE**

[www.fertilehope.org](http://www.fertilehope.org)  
1-888-994-HOPE

**Description:** Provides reproductive information, support and hope to cancer patients and survivors of all ages whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility.

### **FIRST DESCENTS**

[www.firstdescents.org](http://www.firstdescents.org)  
970-845-8400, [info@firstdescents.org](mailto:info@firstdescents.org)

**Description:** Provides outdoor adventure experiences to promote emotional, psychological and physical healing for young adults with cancer.

**FORCE: FACING OUR RISK EMPOWERED**

www.facingourrisk.org  
 1-866-288-RISK ext. 718, atlantanetwork@facingourrisk.org

**Description:** Dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by hereditary breast and ovarian cancer through support, education, and awareness.

**I'M TOO YOUNG FOR THIS!**

www.imtooyoungforthis.org

**Description:** Supports the community of young adults affected by cancer with a comprehensive list of young adult resources across the country.

**LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION**

www.livestrong.org  
 877-236-8820

**Description:** Offers support programs, advocacy, fundraising options, information on clinical trials, and survivorship resources to cancer patients of all ages.

**LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY**

www.leukemia-lymphoma.org  
 404-720-7900, 1-800-955-4572

**Description:** The world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services.

**LIVESTRONG YOUNG ADULT ALLIANCE**

www.livestrong.org

**Description:** A coalition of organizations with the goal to improve the survival rates and quality of life for young adults with cancer between the ages of 15 and 40 by promoting research and investigation of the problem.

**LYMPHOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

www.lymphoma.org/youngadults  
 1-800-235-6848 ext. 300, lrf@lymphoma.org

**Description:** Working to cure lymphoma and help those affected by the disease; special resource page for young adult patients.

**MY COLORECTAL CANCER CONNECTIONS**

www.mycrcconnections.com

**Description:** An online community for individuals affected by colon cancer.

**MY ONCO FERTILITY**

www.myoncofertility.org  
 1-866-708-FERT

**Description:** Patient education resource for fertility preservation options for young men, women, and children undergoing potentially fertility-threatening cancer treatment.

**PATIENT ADVOCATE FOUNDATION**

www.patientadvocate.org  
 1-800-532-5274, help@patientadvocate.org

**Description:** Seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability relative to their diagnosis of life threatening or debilitating diseases.

**PLANETCANCER**

www.planetcancer.org  
 512-452-9010, contactus@planetcancer.org

**Description:** Connects young adults with one another through their online social network and raises awareness of available resources for young adults.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL  
CANCER SURVIVORS' NETWORK**

www.saintjosephsatlanta.org/cancersupport  
 678-843-5051, csninfo@sjha.org

**Description:** The mission of the Saint Joseph's Cancer Survivors' Network is to promote survivorship for all who are living the cancer experience.

**THE SAMFUND FOR YOUNG ADULT  
SURVIVORS OF CANCER**

www.thesamfund.org  
 1-866-439-9365, info@thesamfund.org

**Description:** Provides financial assistance to young adult survivors through grants and scholarships.

**ULMAN CANCER FUND FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

www.ulmanfund.org  
 410-964-0202, info@ulmanfund.org

**Description:** Provides support, resources, grants and scholarships to young adults with cancer.

**VITAL OPTIONS/THE GROUP ROOM**

www.thegrouproom.tv/youngadults.php  
 1-800-477-7666, info@vitaloptions.org

**Description:** Began as a cancer support program for young adults and has expanded to a cancer communications, support, and advocacy organization for cancer patients of all ages.

**WELLNESS COMMUNITY ATLANTA**

www.thewellnesscommunity-atlanta.org  
 404-843-1880, twcmanager@twc-atlanta.org

**Description:** Local and free program of support, education, and hope for people of all ages with cancer and their loved ones.

**WORKING AGAINST CANCER**

www.workingagainstcancer.org  
 contactus@workingagainstcancer.org

**Description:** Provides support to children, adolescent, and young adults through mentoring, self-evaluation tools, and career opportunity referrals in order to become independent and productive individuals.

**YOUNG CANCER SPOUSES**

www.youngcancerspouses.com  
 shareyourstory@youngcancerspouses.org

**Description:** Place where spouses of young adult cancer patients can go for education, information, and support.

For a **Community Support Group** list and an online version of this resource page, please visit the Saint Joseph's Cancer Survivors' Network's website:

[www.saintjosephsatlanta.org/cancersupport](http://www.saintjosephsatlanta.org/cancersupport)