

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

Medical Oncology Social Worker
215-1250

Radiation Oncology Social Worker
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INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

- 1. American Brain Tumor Association**
1-800-886-2282
<http://www.abta.org>
- 2. American Cancer Society**
927-0782
<http://www.cancer.org>
- 3. AIDS Task Force/Friends for Life**
923-2277
- 4. Aplastic Anemia Foundation**
800-747-2820
<http://medic.med.uth.tmc.edu/ptnt/00001045.htm>
- 5. Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge**
927-2273
<http://www.cancerservices.org>
- 6. Cancer Care**
1-800-813-HOPE
1-800-813-4673
<http://www.cancercare.org>
- 7. Cancer Service of West Feliciana**
225-635-6147
- 8. Immunological Support Group**
765-8917
- 9. LA Statewide HIV/AIDS Hotline**
1-800-992-4379
- 10. Leukemia Society of America, Inc. (N.O.)**
504-837-0945
<http://www.leukemia.org>
- 11. Library Information Service - East Baton Rouge Parish Library**
231-3750
<http://www.ebr.lib.la.us>
- 12. Medical Society of East Baton Rouge Parish - Physician Referral Service**
769-3037
- 13. National Cancer Institute**
1-800-4-CANCER
1-800-422-6237
<http://www.nci.nih.gov>
- 14. United Way Information Line**

NATIONAL RESOURCES

In this section you will find national resources for:

Aging
AIDS
Breast Cancer
Cancer
Surgery: Cosmetic/Reconstructive Dentistry
Disease Prevention
Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Medication
Menopause
Mental Health
Nutrition

AGING

National Institute on Aging

1-301-496-1752 (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time)
Information and referrals
<http://www.nia.nih.gov>

AIDS

National CDC HIV/AIDS Hotline

1-800-342-2437 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time)
General information about HIV/AIDS; referrals
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/hivinfo>

BREAST CANCER

Breast Cancer Information Clearinghouse

<http://nysernet.org/his13.html>

Y-ME National Organization for Breast Cancer Information Support Program

1-800-221-2141 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Central Time)
Pre-surgery counseling, treatment information, peer support, patient literature and referrals.
<http://www.y-me.org>

CANCER

Bloch National Cancer Hot Line

1-800-433-0464

Hot line to give newly diagnosed cancer patients the chance to talk with other cancer patients treated for the same type of cancer.

<http://www.blochcancer.org>

Cancer Care Counseling Line

1-800- 813-HOPE

1-800-813-4673

Provides one-to-one counseling, medical care information, telephone support groups

CancerFax (National Cancer Institute)

1-800-624-2511(Available 24 hours per day)

Faxes current patient and professional information about causes, diagnosis and treatments for all forms of cancer.

Cancer News

<http://www.cancernews.com>

SURGERY: COSMETIC/RECONSTRUCTIVE

American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

1-800-635-0635 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Central Time)

Information and referrals

DENTISTRY

American Dental Association

1-312-440-2500

<http://www.ada.org/>

National Institute of Dental Research

301-496-4261 (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>

DISEASE PREVENTION

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1-800-311-3435 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time; 24-hr. recording)

Information on infections, epidemics and immunization

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

1-800-729-6686 (8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

Information on alcohol, drugs and tobacco provided by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
<http://www.health.org>

MEDICATION

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

301-827-4573 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

The Food and Drug Administration's hotline for information about medicines
<http://www.fda.gov/cder/>

MENOPAUSE

Mid-life Women's Network

1-800-886-4354 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Central Time)

Information and referrals

North American Menopause Society

1-800-774-5342

<http://www.menopause.org/>

MENTAL HEALTH

Depression Awareness

1-800-421-4211 (24-hr recording)

The National Institute of Mental Health's hotline for information about symptoms and treatment of depression
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

Grief Recovery Helpline

1-800-445-4808 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time)

Information on recovering from loss

Internet Mental Health Home Page

<http://www.mentalhealth.com/p.html>

National Institute of Mental Health

1-866-615-6464 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

Panic Disorder Information Line

1-800-64-PANIC (24-hr recording)

1-800-647-2642

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

In this section you will find Baton Rouge resources for:

Nutrition
Lodging
Support and Patient Information Groups
Counseling
Financial Assistance
Transportation
Home Care Service
Adult Day Care
Visiting Teachers
Veterans' Services
Wig/Turban Suppliers
Miscellaneous
Lymphedema Prevention Clinics

NUTRITION

American Dietetic Association Nutrition Hotline

1-800-877-1600

Information from and referrals to registered dietitians (experts: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Central Time; recorded messages: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Central Time)
<http://www.eatright.org>

LODGING

Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center has made arrangements with several motels and hotels in Baton Rouge for those patients coming from out of town for their treatments. In many cases we have negotiated reduced rates. Check with the social workers for names, locations and rates.

SUPPORT AND PATIENT INFORMATION GROUPS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

(225) 767-4673

Free to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, this group meets at 12:00 noon every Thursday. Contact Hospice of Baton Rouge for more information.

BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

(225) 927-2273

This group is comprised of bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cell transplant survivors, family, and friends with various cancer diagnoses. Members meet monthly to share insight and experience with prospective transplant patients and their families. Contact Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge for more information.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

CANDLELIGHTERS AND KIDS CARE

(225) 927-2273

Provides encouragement and support to families with children who are fighting cancer or any other chronic disease. Organizes activities and outings year-round for families to participate in a fun, supportive atmosphere. All services and assistance are provided free of charge. Sitter service is available for children. The group has planned activities on different days of each month, please call Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge for more information.

INTRODUCTION TO HOSPICE

(225) 767-4673

A free seminar for those interested in learning more about hospice care or becoming a volunteer. Meets at 12:00 noon on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Hospice of Baton Rouge for more information.

H.O.P.E. II (BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

(225) 767-4673

Free to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, this group meets at 6:00 p.m. every Thursday. Contact Hospice of Baton Rouge for more help.

LEUKEMIA SOCIETY

(504) 837-0945

An educational support group for persons with leukemia or lymphoma. Patients and family members are given information by medical personnel. The group meets on the first Monday of each month at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center.

LIFE GOES ON

(225) 927-2273

This is a support group for parents with cancer who are raising children. The group meets on the first Friday of every month. Contact Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge for more information.

LOOK GOOD....FEEL BETTER

(225) 927-0782

A step-by-step, one-on-one makeup guide with great tips on hair styles and grooming for women living with cancer. This program and all its products are provided free of charge. Meetings are held several times a month at various hospitals in the community. Contact the American Cancer Society for the next scheduled series and location.

LYMPHOMA/LEUKEMIA

(225) 927-2273

An educational support group for persons with lymphoma or leukemia. The group meets on the last Friday of each month at noon. A service provided by Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

MAKE TODAY COUNT

(225) 927-2273

Sponsored by Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge for cancer patients, family, and friends. Support and education through speakers and social gatherings, discussion of mutual concerns, and sharing of information. Meets the fourth Thursday each month at noon at the Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge office.
St. James Parish: first Thursday of each month at the Lutcher library at 5:00 p.m.
East/West Feliciana Parishes: first Wednesday of each month in the Assisted Living Facility in St. Francisville at 2:00 p.m.

NEW VOICE LARYNGECTOMY CLUB

(225) 927-0782

A support group for patients and survivors to assist with physical, social, and emotional rehabilitation. Meets the third Monday of each month at 11:45 a.m. at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Contact the American Cancer Society.

OSTOMY ASSOCIATION SUPPORT GROUP

(225) 767-7197

Assists with the rehabilitation of ostomy patients through information, educational material, and emotional support. Meets the fourth Monday of each month (except for May and December) at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center at 7:00 p.m.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

(225) 927-0782

For prostate cancer survivors as well as those currently undergoing treatment. Education and mutual support. Meets the first Monday of each month.

SISTERS SUPPORTING SISTERS

(225) 775-3939

The Baton Rouge Chapter of Sisters Network is a support group for African American breast cancer survivors. Meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church.

STEM CELL INFUSION AND MARROW TRANSPLANT NETWORK

(225) 927-2273

An educational and networking support group for persons who are contemplating or have had a stem cell infusion or marrow transplant. Family and friends are also invited to attend. Please call Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge for meeting times and additional information.

REACH TO RECOVERY

(225) 927-0782

A patient visitation program for women who have had breast surgery related to cancer. Visitors are trained volunteers who have recovered from similar surgery. Must have physician referral. A prosthesis (where applicable) will be provided as well as literature, exercise information, and emotional support. This service is available anytime. Contact the American Cancer Society.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

RELAXATION WORKSHOP

(225) 927-2273

This group meets to help cancer patients learn to relax and reduce anxiety during treatments. Meets at noon on the first Friday of every month. Call Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge for more information.

THE HOPE CHESTS

(225) 761-5488

This is a support group for breast cancer patients and their families. The group meets at the Baton Rouge General Health Center on Bluebonnet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Contact Sydney Prescott, RN with any questions.

WOMEN TO WOMEN

GYN Oncology Support Group for women with gynecological cancer and their families. For more information, contact Woman's Hospital.

COUNSELING

BATON ROUGE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(225) 925-1909

4615 Government Street, Building B
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Outpatient treatment, counseling, crisis evaluation and prescriptions for mentally ill persons unable to afford them. Fee is based on a sliding scale.
(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

ELDER MED

Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center
5000 Hennessy
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Provides Medicare counseling and processing assistance. Free membership. Offers information and referral on issues related to aging, including caregiver issues. Conducts seminars and health screenings. Community and national discounts offered.

FAMILY SERVICE OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

(225) 927-9810

4727 Revere Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Provides family, individual and marital counseling, medications, psychiatric evaluations, parenting class, and child abuse prevention workshops.
(Hours: Monday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

(225) 924-6621

4919 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 102

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Provides crisis and short-term counseling for grieving people. Conducts grief support groups, seminars and workshops.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and evenings by appointment)

MARGARET DUMAS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(225) 359-9315

3843 Harding Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70807

Counseling and therapeutic programs for mentally ill persons. Medicare and Medicaid accepted.

THE CANCER CARE COUNSELING LINE

1-800-813-HOPE

1-800-813-4673

Cancer Care, Inc.

1180 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10036

Provides immediate psychological support to cancer patients and their families during times of crisis.

THE CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER “The Phone”

(225) 924-3900

Provides short-term crisis counseling. 24-hour crisis phone hotline.

PLEASE NOTE: *There are many counselors in private practice in East Baton Rouge Parish. There are psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers available in the Baton Rouge area whose names are listed in the telephone book.*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

(225) 927-0782

4919 Jamestown

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Education, support groups and rehabilitation assistance.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

CANCER SERVICES OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

(225) 927-2273

550 Lobdell Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Medical equipment loan, local transportation assistance, oxygen, dressing and comfort items, support groups, information and referral assistance with some medications for cancer treatment.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

(225) 336-8700

1900 South Acadian Thruway

Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Financial assistance for rent, utilities and medical expenses; networks with area agencies. (Hours: Monday - Friday; 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE

(225) 923-2227

615 Chevelle Court

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Debt (credit) counseling - aids and rehabilitates financially distressed families and individuals by providing confidential and professional counseling.

COUNCIL ON AGING

(225) 923-8000

5790 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Provides meals, health screening, recreation, legal services, volunteer opportunities, transportation, sitter service, homemaker program, Meals on Wheels, advocacy and medical equipment loan.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BRACA)

(225) 778-1007

(225) 389-3939

4523 Plank Road

Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Utility bill assistance once every six months for low income families who meet income guidelines and/or receive food stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Veteran's, or Survivor's benefits.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

(504) 837-0945
3636 South I-10 Service Road, Suite 304
Metairie, LA 70001

Provides financial assistance to leukemia patients for prescriptions, medical expenses and medical transportation.

LION'S CLUB

(225) 927-1984
P.O. Box 2463
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Provides assistance with eye exams and eye glasses for needy persons.

OFFICE OF FAMILY SUPPORT

(225) 922-3000
(225) 922-3012
2751 Wooddale Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Food stamps, Medicaid, and AFDC (financial assistance).
Walk-in applications accepted Monday - Friday; 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **ONLY**.
(Hours: Monday - Friday; 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

OPERATION HOPE, INC.

(225) 343-7961
1346 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Emergency food and utility assistance, counseling and job search assistance.
(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

SALVATION ARMY-EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

(225) 355-4483
7361 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Shelter for homeless men, alcohol counseling, food vouchers, clothes and furniture for burn-out, rent (no gasoline or utility assistance), annual distribution of toys, food and clothing for Christmas; low-cost thrift store.
(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

1-800-772-1213
(225) 389-0694
350 North Donmoor Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Financial benefits for elderly, disabled, widowed and/or survivors of deceased workers; Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Medicare.
(Hours: Monday - Friday; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

TRANSPORTATION

ACADIAN AMBULANCE

1-800-259-1111

CTC LIFT (CAPITOL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM)

(225) 929-7740

7738 Commerce Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Bus service for handicapped senior citizens.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

MARY BIRD PERKINS CANCER CENTER

(225) 767-0847

For MBPCC patients having difficulty with transportation arrangements for treatment. Can transport ambulatory or wheelchair-bound patient. Transports within East and West Baton Rouge Parish within 25 miles of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Must have 24-hour notice. Contact Social Services Department for appointment and fee.

MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION

1-800-259-1944

Medical transportation for Medicaid recipients. Call at least two days in advance of appointment. If you cannot make the call, a family member or friend can make the call for you.

(Hours: Monday-Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The following information must be provided when scheduling transportation:

1. Name/phone number/address
2. Medicaid number
3. Appointment time(s) and date(s)/place
4. Name of the doctor with whom you have an appointment
5. Transportation needs: wheelchair, stretcher, oxygen or other special needs

THE FISH VOLUNTEER SERVICE

(225) 923-8000

4031 Capitol Heights

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Emergency transportation to medical facilities (MUST BE AMBULATORY), emergency sitting. Baton Rouge radius.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

YELLOW CAB

(225) 926-6400

If you live in the following parishes call **1-800-259-1944** to arrange transportation:

Ascension	Pointe Coupee
East Baton Rouge	St. Helena
East Feliciana	Tangipahoa
Iberville	West Baton Rouge
Livingston	West Feliciana



COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

HOME CARE SERVICE

Home care service includes: Home health care, Hospice care and private duty care. Some of these services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance or private pay. There are a number of these agencies listed in the telephone directory. If you have any questions about these services, please speak to your physician, nurse or social worker who can determine eligibility and help with referrals.

ADULT DAY CARE

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

(225) 765-5273

2041 Silverside Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Adult day care for elderly and/or disabled persons who cannot care for themselves. Meals provided. Van service on limited basis.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

THE CENTER

(225) 357-8977

2271 Mason Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Provides personal care case supervision and group experience in a protective setting so as to offer an alternative to or prevention of institutionalization.

Breakfast, lunch, and snack.

Weekly check and health monitoring by licensed nurse. Counseling and outreach.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

VISITING TEACHERS

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

(225) 922-5400

Hospital/Homebound Program

(225) 226-3661

Home or hospital instruction for children whose physicians recommend they stay out of school for reasons of health. Proper forms will be mailed to parent making the request.

<http://www.ebrpss.k12.la.us>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

VETERAN'S SERVICES

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(225) 291-4533

10201 Mayfair Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Can help coordinate VA benefits. Assists military personnel and their families.

VETERAN'S OUTPATIENT CLINIC

(225) 761-6700

7968 Essen Park

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Provides outpatient medical care, psychiatric and family counseling and social service referrals for veterans.

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

DIET AND NUTRITION

CANCER SERVICES OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

(225) 927-2273

550 Lobdell Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Provides assistance with food supplements (Ensure).

(Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

DIET AND NUTRITION

(225) 215-1216

Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center

4950 Essen Lane

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Registered dietitian available Monday & Thursdays only. Advice on nutrition, during and after treatment.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

WIG/TURBAN SUPPLIERS

Wigs on Loan

CANCER SERVICES OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

(225) 927-2273

550 Lobdell Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Contact: Mary Lindsey

Loans wigs to cancer patients - no other eligibility criteria. Need referral from social worker.

Stores Where Wigs/Turbans May Be Purchased

Mo Hair Salon

(225) 769-2292

1345 Gardere Lane

Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Contact: Joan Louis

Assorted wigs in stock, can special order others. Special prices for cancer patients and personalized service in a private atmosphere.

TOTAL WOMAN BOUTIQUE

(225) 924-4531

9244 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Contact: Ruth Addison

Very experienced with cancer patients. Wide selection of wigs, turbans, and other headcoverings. Personalized service in a private atmosphere.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: BATON ROUGE

MISCELLANEOUS

LOUISIANA ORGAN PROCUREMENT ASSOCIATION

(225) 763-2232
7777 Hennessey Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

LYMPHEDEMA PREVENTION CLINIC

This is a program for breast cancer survivors who have had lymph node removal and have not been diagnosed with lymphedema. A one-on-one consultation with a certified lymphedema therapist is offered free of charge. Please call to schedule an appointment or for further information: 225-215-1234 or 888-616-4687.

MYRIAM'S HOUSE

(225) 334-0662
1141 West Chimes Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

A non-denominational residence and service for indigent women.
Housing for 8-12 months; Counseling; Assistance to complete GED; Job training

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: COVINGTON AND HAMMOND

In this section you will find Covington and
Hammond resources for:

Counseling
Diet and Nutrition
Financial Assistance
Home Care Service
Protheses
Support and Patient Information Groups
Transportation
Wig/Turban Suppliers
Miscellaneous
Lymphedema Prevention Clinics

COUNSELING

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

1-877-333-4673

CANCER SURVIVORS NETWORK (CSN)

Created by and for survivors and caregivers as a resource to cope with the challenges and emotions that living with cancer can bring. The CSN is for patients both newly diagnosed and recurrences, survivors or caregivers.

THE CANCER CARE COUNSELING LINE

1-800-813-HOPE

1-800-813-4673

Cancer Care, Inc.

1180 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10036

Provides psychological support to cancer patients and their families during times of crisis. In addition, information, education programs and referral services are available.

PLEASE NOTE: *There are many counselors in private practice in St. Tammany Parish. There are psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers available in the Covington area whose names are listed in the telephone book.*

DIET AND NUTRITION

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MARY BIRD PERKINS CANCER CENTER

(225) 215-1216

Registered dietitian available in Covington on Tuesdays. Advice on nutrition, during and after treatment.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: COVINGTON AND HAMMOND

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

1-800-ACS-2345

Education, support groups, rehabilitation assistance

CANCER ASSOCIATION

1-800-624-2039

Provides assistance with medications and some supplies.

CANCER FUND OF AMERICA

1-800-578-5284

Provides nutritional supplements and some supplies when available. Referral forms are available from a social worker. The agency is out of Knoxville, Tennessee.

COUNCIL ON AGING - ST. TAMMANY PARISH

985-892-0377

Provides meals, health screening, recreation, legal services, volunteer opportunities, transportation, sitter service, homemaker program, Meals on Wheels, advocacy and medical equipment loan.

COVINGTON FOOD BANK

985-893-3003

Emergency food and rent.

LEUKEMIA-LYMPHOMA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

504-837-0945

3636 South I-10 Service Road, Suite 304

Metairie, LA 70001

Provides financial assistance to leukemia patients for prescriptions, medical expenses and medical transportation.

OFFICE OF FAMILY SERVICES

985-893-6215

Food stamps, Medicaid and AFDC (financial assistance) Walk-in applications accepted.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

1-800-772-1213

19375 N. Fourth Street

985-893-9331

Covington, LA 70433

Financial benefits for elderly, disabled, widowed and/or survivors of deceased workers; Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare.

(Hours: Monday-Friday; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

UNITED WAY - NORTHSORE

(985) 542-8680

P.O. Box 3066

411 Coleman

Hammond, LA 70403

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: COVINGTON AND HAMMOND

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PROTHESES

AB OXYGEN, INC.

749 Aurora Avenue, Suite 3
Metairie, LA 70005
(504) 834-4425

COMPLETE PATIENT SERVICES

70161 Hwy 59 Suite C
Abita Springs, LA 70420
(985) 892-7775
Contact: Julie Elderkin

Bras, breast forms. Will come to your home or can see you at their office. Call for an appointment.

MARY'S NEW BEGINNINGS

2008 Old River Road
Slidell, LA 70460
(504) 649-6686

LAMBERT'S ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETIC PATIENT AIDS

1500 Edwards Avenue
Metairie, LA 70001
(504) 455-9768

MORVANT'S SURGICAL GARMENTS INC.

3901 Houma Suite E
Baton Rouge, LA 70123
(504) 773-7721

THE NEW YOU

1169 Robert Blvd., Suite D
Slidell, LA 70458

NORTH LAKE MEDICAL SUPPLY INC.

1028 S. Tyler Street
Covington, LA 70433
(985) 892-7709
1-800-437-3490
M-F 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Bras, breast forms. Call for an appointment.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: COVINGTON AND HAMMOND

TOTAL WOMAN BOUTIQUE

9244 Florida Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
(225) 924-4531
Cancer Therapy Boutique

SUPPORT GROUPS

BETTER BREATHERS SUPPORT GROUP

(985) 898-3785

This group is designed for adults with lung disease and their families interested in better living. For more information call Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

(985) 871-5976

This group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss from the death of a loved one. The group is held in short sessions that meet on Tuesday evening. Call for more information.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

(985) 612-2100

Designed to provide support and information to individuals diagnosed with breast cancer.

CANCER CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP

(985) 898-4581

For individuals, caregivers and friends challenged by a cancer diagnosis. Provides opportunities to learn more about cancer and to share feelings, fears and expectations in a positive, supportive setting.

LOOK GOOD....FEEL BETTER

1-800-ACS-2345

A step-by-step makeup guide with great tips on hairstyles and grooming for women living with cancer. This program and all its products are provided free of charge. Meets several times a month at various hospitals in the community. Contact the American Cancer Society for the next scheduled series and location.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT PROGRAM

(985) 898-4581

Open to prostate cancer survivors interested in providing one-on-one or telephone support to men going through a new diagnosis of prostate cancer.

REACH TO RECOVERY

1-888-ACS-2345

A patient visitation program for women who have had breast surgery related to cancer. Visitors are trained volunteers who have recovered from similar surgery. Must have physician referral. A prosthesis (where applicable) will be provided as well as literature, exercise information and emotional support. This service is available anytime. Contact the American Cancer Society.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: COVINGTON AND HAMMOND

TRANSPORTATION

COUNCIL ON AGING – ST. TAMMANY PARISH

(985) 892-0377

PARISH CAB

(985) 892-2010

MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION

1-800-259-1944

Medical transportation for Medicaid recipients. Call at least two days in advance of appointment. If you cannot make the call, a family member or friend can make the call for you. Medicaid Transportation is open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The following information must be provided when scheduling transportation:

1. Name/phone number/address
2. Medicaid number
3. Appointment time(s) and date(s)/place
4. Name of the doctor with whom you have an appointment
5. Transportation needs: wheelchair, stretcher, oxygen or other special needs

If you live in the following parishes call

1-800-259-1944 to arrange transportation:

Tangipahoa, St. Tammany or Washington.

WIG/TURBAN SUPPLIERS

Local Resources for Wigs

APOLLA OF METAIRIE

4937 Hearst Avenue Ste. J

Metairie, LA 70001

(504) 455-4114

Retail provider of wigs, accessories, or styling services. Custom made wigs designed specifically for patient.

ACCESSORIES, ETC.

3005 Jefferson Hwy

Jefferson, LA 70121

(504) 834-4593

Retail provider of wigs, accessories, or styling services. Also carries hats, hairpieces and accessories. Call for current discounts.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: COVINGTON AND HAMMOND

BACKSTAGE STYLING SALON

1169 Robert Blvd. Suite A
Slidell, LA 70458
(985) 646-0256
Contact: Carol Ory

Wigs, hats and turbans. Late and private appointments available upon request.

CANCER RESOURCE CENTER/ ONCOLOGY SERVICES

St. Tammany Parish Hospital
1202 S. Tyler Street
Covington, LA 70433
(985)-898-4581 or (985) 898 4481
Contact: Cheryl Corizzo/Staci Scallon

Wigs, scarves, turbans at no charge.

CLASSY HAIR AND WIGS

1000 Business Hwy 190 Suite #16
Covington, LA 70433
(985) 898-0250

HAIR BY GRETA

3119 Metairie
Metairie, LA 70001
(504) 841-3458

Also accessories.

JEAN CHAMPAGNE

2132 Dupard
Mandeville, LA 70448
(985) 624-9511

Can style wigs or trim wigs.

PAULA YOUNG WIGS/CATALOG

Website: paulayoung.com

Retail provider of wigs. Good prices and can order through our website.

TOTAL WOMAN BOUTIQUE

9244 Florida Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
(225)-924-4531

Cancer Therapy Boutique, Wigs

WIG WORLD

3515 18th St.
Metairie, LA 70002
(504)-887-5353

Retail provider of wigs, accessories, or styling services. Specializes in chemotherapy patients. 10% discount to chemotherapy patients.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: COVINGTON AND HAMMOND

MISCELLANEOUS

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(985) 892-4317

Can help coordinate VA benefits. Assists military personnel and their families.

LYMPHEDEMA PREVENTION CLINIC

This is a program for breast cancer survivors who have had lymph node removal and have not been diagnosed with lymphedema. A one-on-one consultation with a certified lymphedema therapist is offered free of charge. Please call to schedule an appointment or for further information: (225) 215-1234 or (888) 616-4687.

GENETIC CANCER RISK ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING CENTER

(985) 898-4581

St. Tammany, Mary Bird Perkins and Hematology Oncology Specialists Foundation have partnered to provide genetic counseling and screening services at no cost to individuals at high risk for breast and ovarian cancers. Certified counselor works with you and your medical team to provide information to help you make informed decisions about medical management options, including genetic testing, screening, options for early detection and ways to reduce personal cancer risk. Call for information.

LOUISIANA REHABILITATION SERVICES

STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

130 Robin Hood Dr.

Hammond, LA 70403

(985) 543-4040

1-800-520-0588