

American Cancer Society Honors Westminster, Md. Cancer Caregiver

BALTIMORE, MD – April 29, 2011 - Karen Haughey, R.N., O.C.N., of



Westminster, Md., is one of eleven outstanding cancer care providers who have been chosen to receive the 2011 American Cancer Society Lane Adams Quality of Life Award, a prestigious national prize for cancer caring. The Lane Adams Quality of Life Award recognizes individuals who have made a difference through innovation, leadership, and consistent excellence in providing compassionate, skilled care, and counsel to persons living with cancer and their families. The awards will be presented in a ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia on Thursday, May 12, 2011.

A clinical nurse at Alliance Hematology and Oncology in Westminster, Haughey is known to spend hours on the telephone with a cancer patient or caregiver who is struggling. She encourages her patients and their families to celebrate life and to surround themselves with others who have battled cancer for support. Outside of her work, Haughey volunteers for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Westminster, an overnight celebration of cancer survivorship and fundraiser for patient services and programs and cancer research. The annual event, scheduled for May 13-14, 2011 at the Carroll County Agricultural Center, expects more than 1,000 area residents to attend. As the event's survivor recruitment chair, Haughey encourage hundreds of cancer survivors to attend the event and feel the embrace and support of other survivors.

"Karen truly provides the 'warm hand of service' honored by the Lane Adams Quality of Life Award. She ensures that cancer patients and their loved ones have the emotional and physical support they need to fight cancer and become survivors," said Jen Burdette, community manager for the American Cancer Society.

"Going above and beyond the call of duty to extend the 'warm hand of service' to cancer patients is very important to these remarkable individuals," said Edward E. Partridge, M.D., national volunteer president of the American Cancer Society.

"These extraordinary awardees deserve to be recognized for their efforts to provide hope to those touched by cancer, and for helping us create a world with less cancer and more birthdays."

Individuals like this year's Lane Adams recipients are critical to helping the American Cancer Society save lives from cancer. The Society has recognized cancer caregivers through the Lane Adams Quality of Life Award since 1988. The awards advisory group includes longtime national Society volunteers, including Vicki Adams Quan, the daughter of Lane W. Adams, the former executive vice president of the Society who coined the term the "warm hand of service" and made attention to compassionate care a legacy of his service.

Posted by [Dawn Ward](#), Communications and Marketing Director for the American Cancer Society's South Atlantic Division

22nd Annual Fund-raiser



**Saturday, October 27,
2012**

7:00 pm. until Midnight
Columbus Gardens
4301 Klosterman Ave
Baltimore, MD 21236

Mark your calendar and celebrate Halloween Bash Costume Party, featuring the 'Baltimore School of Rock' with the Baltimore Cancer Support Group. Join us for an evening of fun, dining and dancing.

**BULL & Shrimp ROAST
OPEN BAR
SILENT AUCTION**

Music by:
"Baltimore School of Rock"
&
JAIL HOUSE ROCKERS DJ's

All proceeds benefit the Baltimore Cancer Support Group, Inc.

Tickets are \$50 per person.

**For more information, or
to reserve tickets, please
call 410-671-6828.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 27th – Twenty Second Annual Charitable Fundraiser
7:00pm– Midnight
Columbus Gardens 4301 Klosterman Ave.

December 17 - Holiday Group Celebration - 7:00 pm.
Westminster United Methodist Church,
162 East Main Street, Westminster

December 20 - Holiday Feast - 7:00 pm.
St. Peter's, 7910 Belair Road

Groups will not meet on Nov.22 (Thanksgiving holiday), and Dec. 24, 27, 31, 2012 or Jan. 3 2013 (Christmas and New Year's holidays.)

Who comes to the Baltimore Cancer Support Group?

If cancer has touched your life as a patient, caregiver, family member friend or bereaved person, we welcome you. BCSG offers a safe, confidential setting in which to share your fears, concerns and problems, as well as your triumphs. Under the leadership of trained professionals, weekly support groups give members an opportunity to exchange feelings, information and encouragement.

In addition to weekly meetings, BCSG maintains a resource library and provides speakers on topics of interest to our members. This non-profit, non-sectarian community service organization is supported by fundraisers and donations. Credit card donations can be accepted via the Baltimore Cancer Support Group website, www.baltimorecancersupportgroup.org.

CARROLL COUNTY NEWS

BCSG MEETINGS

- **Patient Groups** – Focus is on dealing with the physical and emotional challenges facing patients coping with cancer.

Westminster United Methodist Church
Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30

St. Peter's Church
Thursday evenings 7:00- 8:30

- **Caregiver Groups** – The stresses experienced by caregivers in meeting patient's needs, as well as their own, are addressed.

Westminster United Methodist Church
Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Thursday evenings 7:00 – 8:30

- **Bereavement Groups** – Supports those working through the grieving process.

Westminster United Methodist Church
Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Thursday evenings 7:00 – 8:30



BCSG MEETING LOCATIONS

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
7910 Belair Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21236

Westminster United Methodist Church,
162 East Main Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157



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WEB PAGE

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2012 Westminster Relay for Life

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Westminster 2012 This year the annual Relay for Life was held on May 13th & 14th at the Carroll County Ag Center. This was the 5th year members of the Carroll County Cancer group have walked in honor of Gail Hart under the team name, "Hart's Hope". This year's Relay consisted of 60 teams with 967 participants. The total raised for the American Cancer Society was \$156,776.95. Our team came in third with a total of \$8,122.00 achieving "Platinum" level. Two team members, Margaret Zalis & Barbara Thorn became Grand Club members by raising over \$1000 each.



CANCER PRAYER

We pray for all those undertaking chemotherapy, "chemo" the use of medicines or drugs to treat disease, which the Lord will work out His perfect will in your situation and bring about healing. We ask that The Great Physician will heal all those that have undergone surgery and radiation therapy and that the fire of God will destroy all the cancer cells. We speak peace to all the patients and ask the healing virtue of Our Lord God will flow through every vein, tissue, cell, ligament and that healing will manifest. We believe that Gods desire is manifest in your life. His desire is written in 3 John 2 "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along". We speak peace to all the families having cancer patients. We speak uncommon provisions to cater for all the expenses needed to take care of the patients. We destroy every generational curse and declare that they will not continue but the blessings of God will overshadow each and every one of you. We are in agreement with God's word in Jeremiah 30:17 "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds declares the LORD." So be it, in Jesus Name. Amen.

Reference: <http://www.prayer-for-cancer.com/>

What The Baltimore Cancer Support Group Means to Me!

The Baltimore Cancer Support Group is a place that I can go to release. I am a two time cancer survivor and as they say no one understands that better than other cancer survivors or patients. This group isn't just about cancer, it is about so many other things as well. It's about love, support and caring for people. This group of people are now my friends. I have been going every Thursday for the last two and a half years. The only time I missed was when I was in the hospital. I feel like people there have helped me and I have helped them. You also learn many things listening to other people. My Mother has also attended with me as she is a cancer survivor as well as my husband Bill who is my caregiver. The two facilitators, Karen and Barbara are wonderful, they are both such loving and caring individuals. BCSG made such a difference in my life, I can't imagine it not being a part of my life.

By: Joan Sluss, Cancer Patient, BCSG

Living with Cancer

My husband, the love of my life and best friend, Buddy was diagnosed with cancer March 2004. Our whole life changed when cancer entered our home. The first two years Buddy underwent many different treatments. I tried to control everything, Buddy's treatments, doctor's appointments, medicines, his food and his sleep. One day I realized I had no control. Our God had all the control and he had our family in the palm of his hands. Once we understood this we were at peace.

I needed some support so I found the Baltimore Cancer Support Group in January 2007. When I walked into the room, I knew this was the place for me. Karen and Phylis the facilitators were friendly, kind and listened to all my concerns. The people I met in the group were hurting just like I was. They all understood. After I had been coming to the group for almost a year, Buddy decided to come with me. It was a wonderful tool for learning and expressing our feelings. Group helped us share our feelings with each other and we became much closer.

I continued with the group until June 2009. At that time Buddy was experiencing more difficulty and August 18, 2009, Buddy went to be "Our Lord". It was sad yet joyful that he was out of pain and with his family again.

For the next two years, I continued to go to group every week. I listened to people's stories and shared what it was like to be a caregiver and a grieving spouse. I wanted to help others like the group helped me.

In 2011, I was asked to become a facilitator with Karen for the Baltimore Cancer Support Group and I accepted right away. I was and still am very honored to help run this group of wonderful, caring people. We are a family to each other. Everyone who enters our group, the first night immediately becomes part of our family, and we are a very special family.

By: Barbara Campeggi, Facilitator, BCSG

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I would like to say many thanks to all our board members, patients, caregivers, and facilitators. Without them the Baltimore Cancer Support Group could not exist. As the Director, I get the great pleasure in being a part of such a wonderful group. There are so many giving people who have touched my life through the years. It is good to be able to give back to our community and help those who are in need of support.

Geraldene Booker, Executive Director, Baltimore Cancer Support Group, Inc.