



TGP in the community

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COMMUNITY CHECK-IN with SYDNEY BEEMAN



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As The Gathering Place (TGP) nears the year mark of providing programs and services in the community, we are pleased to announce we are making waves. We were excited to celebrate Black History Month and be a part of the movement to bridge the gap in cancer disparities in the African American Community. A very important component of our mission is to educate. Robust programming was offered to provide education around empowering African American folks to take control over their health. As the saying goes, health is wealth. The TGP Black History Month programming offered was The Importance of African American Representation in Clinical Trials, Advocating While Black, and The Importance of Cancer Screening. These programs truly helped community members as well as health care providers learn more about how to show up for themselves and others.

Our VP of Partner Engagement, Jeff Stanicki, Outreach Manager, Beth Elsass and Community Program Manager, Sydney Beeman, have been busy! With their combined efforts and help from the Clinical Staff, we have been able to present to various Community Health Organizations, remain a presence at Friendly Inn (a neighborhood staple that provides support and resources to people in the Central and Fairfax communities), and partner with Community Advocates to spread the word about the wonderful services available at TGP. We've also teamed up with longtime friend of TGP, Kris Austin, and the team at Case Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCC) for a collaborative effort called PARTNERS: Promoting Access, Resources and Treatment through Novel and Equitable Solutions for Cancer Care. PARTNERS aims to serve those experiencing the greatest cancer burden in the Case CCC and those who are in greatest need for intervention to improve equity in cancer care: men and women 45 years and older who are African American or Latino/Latina and /or individuals with incomes near or at the poverty level. We've had a bit of help along the way; Sydney received a call from a participant whose cousin noticed her flyer in the community and passed it along! We are excited to host Prostate Pop Ups, continue collaborating with our hospital partners for screenings, and provide education about awareness throughout the year.

Be on the lookout! We will continue to add programs as we are dedicated to offering minority health focused programming year-round.

Looking forward to growing together!
Peace, Sydney

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY THIS QUARTER?



April is National Minority Health Month, a time to raise awareness about health disparities that continue to affect people from racial and ethnic minority groups and encourage action through health education, early detection, and control of disease complications. Each year has a different theme to promote Minority Health and this year's theme is **Addressing Social Determinants of Health to Achieve Health Equity**.

We are excited to share that this year TGP will be hosting our first Minority Community Health Fair which will be held at ThirdSpace Action Lab on Saturday, April 29th from 12:00 to 4:00pm. ThirdSpace Action Lab is housed in the Madison Medical Building on E 105th St. The Madison was home to the first medical office building where Black physicians could safely treat their Black patients. The facility was built by and aptly named after Cleveland native Robert P. Madison, the first Black Architect in Ohio!

The Minority Community Health Fair will be an action-packed event. We will have a panel discussion of physicians and health care workers to educate the community to advocate for their health, a healthy food cooking demonstration, cardio drumming, mammogram screenings, prostate screenings, HIV screenings, and general health screenings such as blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol. All provided free of charge. We hope to see you there!



MetroHealth and TGP are now working together to provide services at the MetroHealth Cancer Center. This will open doors for those unable to visit one of the TGP offices and give the opportunity to receive support and build community while dealing with a cancer diagnosis. For now, we are facilitating Breast Cancer related support groups each week. The 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1:30-2:30pm is for Women Newly Diagnosed. The 4th Tuesday of each month from 1:30-2:30pm is for Women in Breast Cancer Survivorship. You do not have to be a MetroHealth patient to attend these groups. Stay tuned for information on our groups for Young Women with Breast Cancer and Women with Metastatic Breast Cancer.

Throughout the week we also have TGP staff available onsite at the Resource Center on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00pm and Thursdays 10:00am to 12:00pm to chat and provide patients with information/referrals for support services. Our offerings will continue to expand as both MetroHealth staff and TGP assess programs, events and groups that will best meet participants needs.

*Days/times onsite may vary, please contact Eileen Coan at coan@touchedbycancer.org or 216-455-1504 to confirm.

NATIONAL BLACK FAMILY CANCER AWARENESS WEEK & JUNETEENTH



National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week (NBFCW) was introduced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Oncology Center for Excellence (OCE) in 2021. This weeklong campaign and engagement event is partially in response to the national movement to promote racial equity and in accordance with the January 2021 Presidential Executive Order, "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, Section 8." (FDA's Oncology Center of Excellence Launches National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week | FDA).

The aim of NBFCW, like many other initiatives, is to raise awareness of the impact of cancer on Black families. NBFCW takes place June 15- June 21 this year. The week was intentionally chosen to align with Juneteenth (a holiday recognizing the emancipation of enslaved people), National Cancer Survivorship Month, and Men's Health Month. Last year TGP participated in efforts with our hospital partners and Friendly Inn.

This year for NBFCW and Juneteenth, our programming will include "Line Dancing for Health at The Langston Hughes Branch of Cleveland Public Library with Robert Johnson Jr. AKA "The Line Dance King" as well as "Financial Toxicity and Cancer Treatment" with Shontia Gamble. Both programs are slated for June 16, 2023.

LGBTQ+



Our LGBTQ+ Drop-In Virtual group is the 3rd Thursday of every month at 12:00pm. The Drop-In group is a space for those in the LGBTQ+ community with a cancer diagnosis and/or their care person to drop-in to gain support and chat about their experiences. We will continue to do our part to decrease health disparities by working with LGBTQ+ informed, affirming, and allied organizations to provide awareness and resources and to meet the needs of the community.



Please contact Brittani Davis at davis@touchedbycancer.org or 216-455-1528 if you have ideas about programming you would like to see or have interest in collaborating.

STAY TUNED!

Please be on the lookout for TGP in the Community updates and different ways to find us by keeping an eye on your emails for our newsletters. **Connect with us anytime by reaching out to Sydney at beeman@touchedbycancer.org or 216-455-1520.** You can contact Sydney to talk with your organization about cancer education and awareness or simply to learn more about what services we have to offer. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

PROGRAMMING

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
How to Talk About Cancer	3 rd Wednesday of each month	4:00-5:00pm	Friendly Inn, 2386 Unwin Rd., Cleveland, OH 44104
MetroHealth Breast Cancer Support Groups	3 rd Tuesday of each month (Newly Diagnosed)	1:30-2:30pm	MetroHealth Cancer Center/Outpatient Pavilion 2500 MetroHealth Dr. Cleveland, OH 44109
	4 th Tuesday of each month (Breast Cancer Survivorship)	1:30-2:30pm	
TGP at Metro Onsite Support	Every Monday	1:00-3:00pm*	MetroHealth Cancer Center/Outpatient Pavilion 2500 MetroHealth Dr. Cleveland, OH 44109
	Every Thursday	10:00am-12:00pm* <small>*times may vary</small>	
The Impact of Colon Cancer in the Black and Brown Community	Monday, April 24	12:00-1:30pm	TBD
Minority Health Fair	Saturday, April 29	12:00-4:00pm	ThirdSpace Action Lab, 1464 East 105 th St. Cleveland, OH 44106
Line Dancing for Health!	Friday, June 16	10:30-11:30am	Cleveland Public Library- Langston Hughes Branch, 10200 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106
Financial Toxicity & Cancer Treatment	Friday, June 16	3:00-4:00pm	Langston Hughes Community Health & Education Center, 2390 E. 79 th St., Cleveland, OH 44104