October 2016

Greetings to all the members and supporters of the Harvey Floyd Chapter of Us TOO.

Our support group vision is: “To provide the highest level of leadership, compassion and promotion of an enhanced understanding of prostate cancer while improving the quality of life for survivors, their families and men at risk through proactive programs and positions”.

The role of the Oncology Social Worker

The role of the Oncology Social Worker is to coordinate and provide non-medical care to cancer patients. The oncology social worker provides counseling and assistance to the patient and their families, especially with non-medical problems that may arise as a result of cancer. This could be financial problems or with housing (when treatments are administered at a facility away from the patient's home.

Social workers are trained to deal with psychosocial issues such as anxiety, family relationships, changes in lifestyle during and following treatment. Social workers will also help the patient re-enter the work force and to cope with fears about recurrence and death. Oncology social workers can assist with practical needs such as employment and communication both within and outside the hospital setting. Basically, the Oncology Social worker will accompany patients through all phases of the illness, including diagnosis, treatment, recovery and supportive/palliative care.

Our speaker for our October Support Group meetings will be Melissa Potter, of Bon Secours Health System. Our topic will be the role of the Oncology Social Worker. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING SEMINAR

African American Men over 40 can earn a $45 stipend by attending two educational session on Prostate Health. For more information please see attached.

Thanks to the Greenville Health System for your support. Thanks to the American Cancer Society for help in printing and mailing of this newsletter.

Meetings are held at Fellowship Greenville Church, 3161 S. Highway 14, the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

(no meetings June, July or August): Directions: From the intersection of I85 and I385 – Take I85N toward airport 3.3 miles, exit 54: bear to the right onto Pelham Road; Follow Pelham Road 1.7 miles to Highway 14: Turn right – Fellowship Greenville will be just down the road ½ mile on the left. (For information, call 414-7780 or 616-0923)