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**The Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center Announces  
May Programs for Cancer Patients, Survivors and Caregivers**

(Washington, NC) – The Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center offers a variety of special programs and activities to help cancer patients, survivors as well as their primary caregivers deal with the emotional and physical challenges associated with having cancer. The Cancer Center's vision is to provide integrative therapies that complement traditional care at no cost to the participant. The programs are not limited to patients of the Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center, any survivor or caregiver is welcome!

**Breast Cancer Support Group** - Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:00am

Ladies, please join us for an opportunity to gain insight, encouragement, information and inspiration, and to share with ladies who have had similar experiences.

**Caregiver Support Group** - Tuesday, May 17th at 10:00am

If you are taking care of someone you love who is fighting cancer, we invite you to join others who are facing the same questions and challenges that you are experiencing.

**Conversations** - Tuesday, May 24th at 10:00am

A time and place for people to gather who have any type of cancer. Please join others who just might share some of your own experiences.

**Look Good...Feel Better** - brought to you by the American Cancer Society- Monday, May 9th at 2:00pm

A hands-on group session for adult female cancer survivors currently in treatment who are coping with the side effects of chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment. Pre-registration is required. Held at the Cancer Center.

**Skin Cancer Risk and Prevention** - Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Guest Speaker: Kirsten Schneider, PA-C, Eastern Dermatology and Pathology. Held in the Education Department of Beaufort County Medical Center. Space is limited; call 975-4308 to pre-register. Dinner will be provided.

**Skin Cancer Screening** – Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center in conjunction with the Shepard Cancer Foundation will offer free skin cancer screenings at the Cancer Center located at 1209 Brown Street in Washington. To make an appointment for the screening please call Lifestyles Medical Fitness Center at 975-4236.

**Therapeutic Massage**

One free therapeutic foot, hand or chair massage is available every week to all cancer patients, survivors, and primary caregivers. Please call for an appointment.

**Restorative Yoga and Meditation**

A yoga class that emphasizes relaxation for the body, mind and spirit. Registration is not required. Held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Lifestyles Medical Fitness Center. Classes are open to all cancer patients, survivors, and primary caregivers.

All Cancer Center programs are FREE thanks to the community support of the Shepard Cancer Foundation. For more information or to register for any of the upcoming programs please call the Cancer Center at 975-4308. You may also visit [www.marionlshepardcancercenter.org](http://www.marionlshepardcancercenter.org).

The Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center, a division of Beaufort Regional Health System, provides medical services in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and blood disorders. This state-of-the-art cancer center provides high-quality, comprehensive cancer treatment along with compassionate care to the residents of Beaufort and surrounding counties.

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