



## How to Begin Your Ministry

The fact that one out of three is touched by cancer is an alarming statistic. It is highly unusual to have someone who has not been touched by cancer in this day and age. That person is likely someone you know, a loved one, a friend or it may be you.

Team Up! Against Cancer is a ministry designed for cancer survivors, their families and their friends to band together as a group and reach out to support existing and newly diagnosed cancer patients and their families.

We have learned that not only does the patient go through a very difficult time but the family of the patient also experiences a trying time except it's from a different perspective.

Our concept is to first let the patient know they are not alone. We team up a patient with a someone of the same gender and approximate age, someone who has survived the same type of cancer as they have someone who has "been there and done that." We also team the patient's family members with the family members of the cancer survivor. Sort of a sounding board or just to handle specific questions with a "here what we did" or here's how we handled that issue."

We also recommend recruiting friends within the church to assist and support both the patients and survivors of the ministry. Non cancer persons can be part of the research, material and prayer teams. There is a place for everyone in your Team Up ministry.

To start your ministry you must **first meet with your Pastor** and seek his/her approval. This ministry is not only for those touched by cancer in your local church but for those in your community as well.

We recommend a cancer survivor from the church be selected to be the Team Up ministry coordinator. This person likely will be moved to serve as your Team Up leader. Next select your team s by reaching out into the church membership for volunteers to serve on each team.



You're Team Up! Coordinator's package contains the sources for materials for the Patient Packet, the Family Packet and the Survivor Packet. All materials contained within those two packages is available free of any costs to your Team Up ministry. Also in the package is a sample advertisement for the local paper or the church bulletin.

If your church has a prayer ministry we recommend the scheduled meeting of the Team Up ministry be just prior to the prayer meeting as new patients and members of the ministry can take their guest directly into a healing session of prayer.

Seek volunteers to help put together the Packets and offer them at the church to survivors, patients and their respective families. Make them aware of your presence.

If cancer survivors really want to take a bold step, go to the doctors who treated them, and indicate your willingness to "give back" that you would like to be there for someone who is going through the same experience as you did. Sometimes this approach is met with a high degree of acceptance by the doctors and sometimes it can be difficult.

The Team Up ministry in Phoenix, Arizona is in the process of putting up a website [www.teamupagainstcancer.com](http://www.teamupagainstcancer.com) that can be accessed by anyone interested in the ministry. Once registered as an individual or a church access is granted for the purposes of downloading all the packet information, resources and a blog which will provide updates on the latest in medical research, clinical trials, new books, movies, new cancer support organizations and any other information helpful to a cancer patient and their families.



**TEAM UP!**  
Against Cancer

## Coordinator Packet

Cancer Survivors and their Families extending a helping hand to cancer Patients and their Families in the church and in the community.



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## Getting Started:

To get started, we recommend you select someone within the church who's heart is touched by the mission statement of the Team Up to lead the ministry. That person will probably be a cancer survivor himself or herself. Once that person accepts the responsibility as the Lead Coordinator of the Team Up ministry he or she will be ready to begin the selection of others who have a heart to help cancer patients and their families.

We believe it important that you have a **Prayer Team** – Many churches already have a prayer group or team in place with who you could coordinate prayer requests as well as the Team Up! prayer organization around the world.

We recommend having either weekly, bi-monthly or monthly meetings depending upon the membership needs of your ministry but in any case if there is a prayer group or team in place at your church then having the Team Up meeting just prior to the prayer group meeting allows for a natural transition into prayer for the patient, their family and friends.

We are here to answer your questions and support you and your ministry. Please contact David Bryant at 602-740-8333 or email him with any questions you may have at [david@teamupagainstcancer.com](mailto:david@teamupagainstcancer.com).



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## ABOUT TEAM UP!

**Team Up! Against Cancer is a faith based cancer support group made up of cancer survivors and their families extending a helping hand to cancer patients and their families both in the church and in the community.**

**Through information packets, books, articles we attempt to address the questions of:**

- **Where do I go? What can I do?**
- **Learning about your cancer, its diagnosis and treatment options**
- **Questions to ask your doctor**
- **Addressing the needs of a newly diagnosed patient.**
- **What resources are available? What support groups are available?**
- **Can you team me up with a cancer survivor who had the same type of cancer?**

**We offer information packets on CD – ROM for FREE and they are available at any Phoenix First Assembly welcome center or on-line at our website. Each packet includes:**

- **Information for Patients, the Family, and Survivors**
- **Information on 21 different types of cancer**
- **Resource directories for available services, doctors and cancer clinics**
- **Prayers from the Desert**
- **Books and Newsletters**

**Each information packet contains information resources offering links to support group websites, research centers and material, recommended reading, reading relating to specific types of treatment, how to deal with cancer, alternative treatment centers, clinical trials, etc. There is also monthly newsletters included.**

**Remember you or your family are not alone! TEAM UP! Against Cancer meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in the Prayer Pavilion Classroom at 6:45 pm. For more information contact the Prayer Ministry at 602-404-7422 or TEAM UP at 602-740-8333 or at [www.teamupagainstcancer.com](http://www.teamupagainstcancer.com)**

**All the material provided on the CD's can be reproduced with the permission of the creators TEAM UP! Against Cancer and Prayer 365 both non profit organizations**



## TEAM UP Packet Content:

**1 – CD ROM Contains: Prayers of the Desert**

**2 – CD ROM Contains: Packet for the Patient; the Family; and Cancer Survivors**

### Articles on 21 Types of Cancers:

- Bladder
- Brain
- Breast
- Cervical
- Colon rectal
- Esophageal
- Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Kidney
- Leukemia – ALL
- Leukemia – AML
- Leukemia – CLL
- Leukemia – CML
- Liver
- Lung
- Ovarian
- Pancreatic
- Prostate
- Skin
- Thyroid
- Vaginal

### Each Article contains:

- A Description of the disease
- Symptoms of the cancer
- Tests used to diagnose the cancer
- How they determine the stage of the cancer
- Treatment options
- Treatment side effects
- Any alternative treatments available

### Also Included are Articles About:

- Cancer Vaccines
- Alternative Treatments
- Stem Cells

### Resource Directories:

- American Cancer Society Resource Directory – Greater Phoenix Area (Available in all major Metropolitan areas)
- Nationwide Directory of Alternative Doctors
- Nationwide Directory of Cancer Clinics and Doctors

### Extracts of Books:

- "11 Ways to Survive Cancer"
- "How to Cure Almost Any Cancer at Home"
- "Natural Cancer Remedies"



- **“The One Minute Cure”**
- **“Restoring Your Immune System”**

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## **TEAM UP! Recommended and Sample Material**

- Sources for Handout Material
- Sample sign up form (Card)
- CD or Disc with all Team Up! Material
- Sample Ad for church bulletin




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## Sources for Hand Out Material

Contact: American Cancer Society 1-800-227-2345

Tell them you are a faith based cancer support group and you wish to receive the following items: (There is no charge for the material nor for shipping if ordered in the quantities indicated).

<u>"After Diagnosis"</u>	Catalogue No. 944000	Qty: 25
<u>"After Diagnosis: Prostate Cancer"</u>	No. 469300	Qty: 50
<u>"Breast Cancer – Treatment Guidelines"</u>		Qty: 50
	<i>No. 940508 Version VIII/September 2006</i>	
<u>"Where to Turn"</u>	No. 3031.00	Qty: 25
<u>"Cancer Fact for Women"</u>	No. 2007.00	Qty: 25
<u>"Cancer Fact for Men"</u>	No. 2008.	Qty: 25





## Packet Request Card and Handout

### Packet Request Card:

#### **PACKET REQUEST CARD**



**I WOULD LIKE:**

A PATIENT Package ( )    A SURVIVOR Package ( )    A FAMILY Package ( )

PRAYER ( )    A HOSPITAL VISIT ( )    A TEAM UP "BUDDY" ( )

FOR: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Cancer: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PICK UP PACKET AT THE USHER'S STATION**



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## TEAM UP! Against Cancer Handout



**Diagnosed with Cancer?**

**Someone in your Family have Cancer?**

**A Friend have Cancer?**

**We have information for you:**

- **Patient Packet**
- **Family Packet**
- **Survivor Packet**

**Remember you are never alone!**

**Let's Team Up! Against Cancer**

**Pickup a Packet Request Card today**

**at the Welcome Centers or call (     )**

**2 Corinthians 1: 3-4**



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## Screen Shot

Note: Some churches have video projection capabilities before and in between services for promoting ministry awareness. This is a sample.



- **Been diagnosed with Cancer?**
- **A Friend have Cancer?**

**WE HAVE INFORMATION FOR YOU!**

**REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

**For More Information Please Contact the Church**

**office at ( ) 555-1234.**

**PICK UP A PACKET REQUEST CARD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.. TODAY!!!**

**2 Corinthians 1: 3-4**



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## TEAM UP! Against Cancer Ad

### Sample Ad for Church Bulletin or Newspaper



- *You have Cancer?*
- *Someone in your family has Cancer?*
- *Someone in your circle of friends or*
- *A neighbor has cancer?*

*Join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30PM in the prayer center. Come for a time of reflection, sharing, fellowship and prayer. You can sit back quietly or actively participate.*

A Cancer Support Ministry....a Team of Cancer survivors their families and friends extending a helping hand to cancer patients and their families in the church and in the community. For more information contact: (name) (Phone number)