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CancerLINC (Legal Information Network for Cancer) is a Richmond non-profit that 'LINC's cancer patients and their families to legal, financial, and community resources to solve the non-medical obstacles that arise with a cancer diagnosis.

No one should have to face cancer alone.

Welcome to Our Client Services Interns!

CancerLINC is pleased to welcome our 2025-2026 interns, **Darrius Tyler** and **Ja'Naya Burrell**, to the Client Services Team! Patricia Green, CancerLINC's Program Manager, will mentor the interns as they navigate our client support process. These fourth-year Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) students will begin providing direct support to our cancer patients while gaining hands-on experience in the social work field.

Patricia is a field instructor for VCU's School of Social Work. CancerLINC has mentored social work interns for several years through the partnership with VCU and Patricia is excited to continue with that collaboration. This alliance strengthens the meaningful impact both organizations have on cancer patients in the Greater Richmond community. Upon completion of their internship at CancerLINC, Darrius and Ja'Naya will be equipped with the practical and professional knowledge to launch their careers in the social work field.



Darrius Tyler

Growing up in Charlottesville, Virginia, Darrius attended his first three years of high school at The Covenant School, a private Christian liberal arts school. He went on to complete his senior year at Monticello High School, graduating with his closest friends. Darrius held a part-time job at his local Boys and Girls Club, not far from The Covenant School. He had fond memories of going to the Club as a child and enjoyed his job working with children who shared similar life experiences he had.

Following high school graduation, Darrius enrolled at VCU, drawn to its diversity and the promise of new



Ja'Naya Burrell

Ja'Naya was born in New Kent, Virginia. She spent most of her childhood in Chesterfield, then returned to her birthplace and graduated from New Kent High School.

She began her college studies as a nursing student at Rappahannock Community College in Gloucester. Her nursing school clinicals included a rotation at a nearby nursing home. She found herself drawn to the residents, getting to know them, hearing their stories, and attending to their care.

Ja'Naya's aunt, a medical social worker, encouraged Ja'Naya to consider shifting her focus from nursing to social work. After two years, Ja'Naya transferred to VCU and enrolled in the VCU Bachelor of Social Work program and is now

experiences in a city environment. He is now in his fourth year in the VCU Bachelor of Social Work program. Influenced by his positive experiences at the Boys and Girls Club, he plans to pursue a career working with children.

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Combining her positive experiences in the senior living environment with her social work education, Ja’Naya plans to pursue a career working with older adults.

Written by: Lynda Fullem, Advancement Officer for Development

Our Fiscal Year 2025 Gratitude Report is Now Available!



Our 2025 Gratitude Report is Here!

We are proud to share CancerLINC's Fiscal Year 2025 Gratitude Report, a reflection of the hope, support, and peace of mind your generosity makes possible. Inside, you'll find stories of impact, highlights from the past year, and heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, partners, and donors who make our mission possible.

Take a moment to explore how your support has touched the lives of hundreds of local cancer patients and families. Together, we continue building a stronger community of care.

[View the Full Report Here](#)

29 Years of LINCing Lives

This month, **CancerLINC proudly celebrates 29 years of service to the Greater Richmond community.** What began in 1996 with two local attorneys (and cancer survivors) **Phyllis Katz and Ann Hodges**, has grown into a lifeline for thousands of families facing the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

Over the years, more than **10,000 patients and their families have turned to CancerLINC for guidance.** With the help of our incredible network of over 180 volunteer attorneys and financial advisors, we've been able to address the legal and financial hurdles that often follow a diagnosis—**always free of charge.** For patients living below the federal poverty line, these pro bono services are not just support, they're peace of mind.

As we mark this milestone, we celebrate the vision that launched CancerLINC: that every cancer patient deserves access to the resources they need, beyond medicine, to truly focus on healing. That vision continues to guide us as we look ahead to the future.

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□ 29th Anniversary Day of Giving □

We're celebrating 29 years of LINC-ing lives—and we need your help to reach our goal!

- Donate \$29 in honor of our 29 years.
- Help us raise \$2,900 in one day.
- Quick and easy: use our new \$29 button online.

Every \$29 gift is another link in the chain of hope and support.

Here's to 29 years of hope, help, and community—and to many more years of supporting patients with cancer.

Save The Date!



The LINC Awards

Thursday, November 13, 2025



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Join us for the 2025 LINC Awards on **Thursday, November 13, 2025**, as we honor the advocates, partners, and community leaders who bring hope and support to cancer patients and their families. This inspiring luncheon celebrates the heart of our mission—
and we want you there with us.

Tickets are now on sale! Reserve your seat today and be part of an afternoon filled with recognition, connection, and impact.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

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Bristol Myers Squibb

You can join them and **sponsor** this exciting event!

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Stronger Together: A Spotlight on CancerLINC's Community



Founded in 1949 by grieving parents determined to honor their son's memory, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) has



ASK began in the mid-1970s when families sitting together in a hospital waiting room realized the power of shared experiences. With

grown into the largest nonprofit dedicated to blood cancer research, patient support, and advocacy.

With more than 75 years of progress, LLS has invested over \$1.7 billion in research and continues to drive groundbreaking therapies while ensuring families have access to the care and support they need.

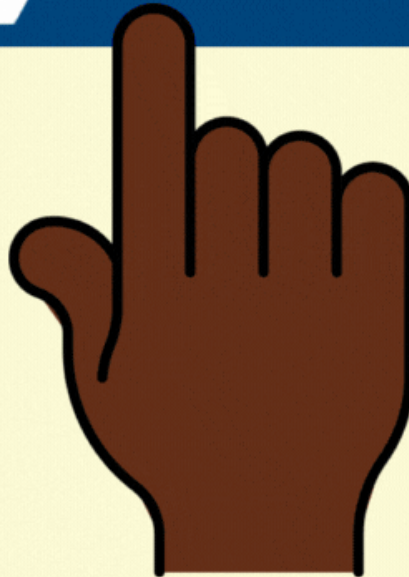
**Learn More About
Leukemia and
Lymphoma Society**

support from MCV's pediatric oncology team, they created ASK to offer social, emotional, spiritual, and financial relief to families.

Today, ASK continues that mission —supporting children with cancer, survivors, siblings, and parents across Central Virginia.

**Learn More About ASK
Childhood Cancer
Foundation**

Now it's easier than ever to
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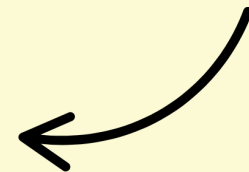
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***CancerLINC Community
Outreach and Events***

We're Here for You at St. Francis



CancerLINC Program Manager, Patricia Green and 2025 LINC Award Honoree, Chris Heithoff!



CancerLINC is proud to be at the **Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center** on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

When you stop by, you can learn more about our services, complete an intake on the spot, and even receive support such as community resource referrals while you're there. We'd love for you to come see us!

News That Impacts Cancer Patients

Food is Medicine: Supporting Patients Beyond Treatment

Cancer touches every part of life—including how we nourish ourselves. One of our partners, **VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center**, is helping patients take back some control through their Food is Medicine program. Led by dietitian Samantha Haswell, R.D., these classes provide practical nutrition guidance, cooking skills, and fresh food—**reminding**

patients that small choices can make a big difference in their health and healing journey.

We're grateful for partners like Massey who share our vision of giving patients peace of mind and hope, both in and beyond the clinic.

[Read the full story from Massey here](#)

Spotlight on Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month

September is Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month, a time to honor those impacted by blood cancers and to raise awareness for research, treatment, and support. These diseases affect thousands of individuals and families each year, but together we can shine a light on hope and progress.

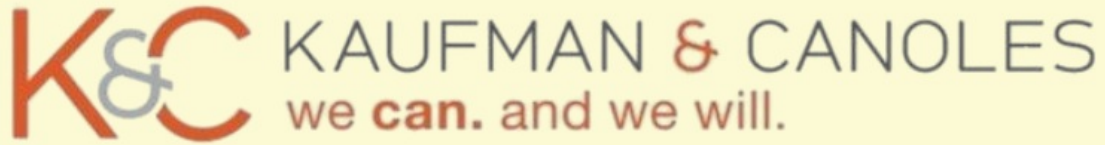
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Thank You to Our Financial Supporters

Thank you to every community partner fueling CancerLINC's

work this month. Your generosity keeps hope and help within reach for cancer patients across Greater Richmond. We're especially proud to share that for the months of July and August **CancerLINC was the recipient of the KaufCANcares Charity.** Our featured partner of the month is Kaufman & Canoles. Their vital funding will support our bilingual services for families facing cancer.



CancerLINC Executive Director, Julianne Duvall, accepting the Kaufman & Canoles Charitable Contribution check from CancerLINC Advocate Board Member, Colin McCarthy.

Grant Gratitude



Walmart Store #2808 - Midlothian



We're excited to share that we recently received a \$250 grant from our local Walmart on Chattanooga Plaza to help us continue connecting cancer patients in our community with free legal, financial and community resources

Thank you for standing with us.

Flagstop Carwash: A Month Worth of Thanks

Thank You!



We are so thankful for the support we received from **Flagstop Carwash** for the month of August. Flagstop generously donated 10% of all pre-

tax sales. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this initiative and to **Flagstop Carwash** for their commitment to CancerLINC's mission!

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