



# HOPECANCER

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## MINISTRY NEWS

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# What Drives us?

It is a simple question, however it can be increasingly hard to find the answer sometimes. I have been a part of Hope Cancer Ministries for over two years now. It wasn't until I got myself involved with this ministry, this family of Hope, that I became truly confident in my answer. What drives us is the very core of what this ministry stands for: Fellowship in Christ to preserve and strengthen hope in others.

The fellowship of another truly changes our perspective. Coupled with the power of prayer and healing through faith we find that simply making that connection with another human being, our strength begins to build, our hope solidifies and even daily life seems renewed with new energy. As a volunteer for as long as I have been involved I constantly questioned if I had anything to give to another person. I could barely keep gas in my car or pay my own bills. I did what I could because it is what God called upon me to do. I spent several months visiting a client of Hope Cancer that was harder for other volunteers to drive to and since I was so close I agreed to go see her.

Her story changed my life.

When I asked her about her family and friends she seemed to almost fade a bit before she looked at me and told me that since her diagnosis she had found that people visit less and less often. She suspected the fear of not being able to help or understand her cancer pushed people away from her. My heart sank hearing her speak on such loneliness. I was angry that others had let cancer stand between them and a loved one. To me it just seemed so selfish and uncaring. I was so overwhelmed with anger on that drive home. I must have toiled over it for a couple hours before it had occurred to me that it was fear that was to blame. Fear keeps us apart. That night I sat down and called a phone number I had dare not dial in almost three years. A long lost friend that I broke contact with because I was afraid of what they were going through.

This Ministry changes everyone who becomes a part of it. We are all a part of a small but mighty force that pushes us to break past fear and find strength in each other. Hope is not some frail state of mind for those who have been weakened by the world, it is a powerful and mighty thing! It feeds into everything we do and is a part of everything we stand for. Hope moves our legs when we can barely walk, it keeps our spirit high in the face of fear, and it is what we share with each other. This is what we do, what we will continue to do because the very Hope we share is what we need in our own lives. Together in Christ we are strong. Together, we are Hope.





HOPE CANCER MINISTRIES  
**SPRING BENEFIT  
DINNER**

APRIL 20TH, 2013

6:00 - 9:00 PM

AT

CALVARY CHURCH OF THE  
NAZARENE

4000 N SHARON AMITY ROAD  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28205

REGISTER ONLINE FOR TICKETS

[HTTP://HCMSRINGBENEFIT.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://hcmspringbenefit.eventbrite.com)

**TICKETS ARE \$25.00 EACH\***

FOR MAP, DIRECTION AND DETAILS USE  
THE WEB ADDRESS ABOVE. YOU CAN ALSO  
FIND THE LINK TO THE EVENT PAGE AT  
OUR HOMEPAGE AT:

[WWW.HOPECANCER.ORG](http://WWW.HOPECANCER.ORG)

\*ALSO INCLUDES A SMALL CREDIT CARD FEE ONLINE

## Get your tickets!

Dont forget to get your tickets before it is too late!! This year we are excited to be offering our ticket purchases online through eventbrite! Just type the address below in your browser and you will be directed to our event page where you can purchase tickets and find information on the event! Just click the icon to purchase and print your tickets at home or use your smart phone to open the confirmation email when you get to the door!

<http://hcmspringbenefit.eventbrite.com>

## Table Decorating Contest

Still want to get in on the creative competition? It isn't too late to sign up! Call or email for details:

704-364-1440

[christines@hopecancer.org](mailto:christines@hopecancer.org)

## Cannot make it to see us at the event?

It still isn't too late to sponsor a table or purchase tickets to donate to friends and special guests. We have plenty of guests who want to come but are otherwise financially restricted. If you feel called to sponsor a table or purchase tickets to donate, don't hesitate to give us a call. Every contribution helps and the Spring Benefit is a great opportunity to keep Hope going!



# Food Drive Highlights





The Hope Team loads up the truck on a rainy day in March and delivers all the donated food and goods to our clients. As dark and grey as the skies were, spirits were kept high through fellowship and prayer. Another job well done, thank you to all our contributors for making these trips available to our clients! Together we are strong and hope always prevails. Let us keep the good works going!



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*Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!*