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# FREE CANCER SUPPORT PROGRAMS



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## Stories From the HeART

### CSCET's Inaugural Member Visual Art Show

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**  
Friday, January 30, 4:00 pm

**GALLERY OPENING**  
Sunday, February 15, 1:00-3:00 pm

*Our mission is to uplift and strengthen people impacted by cancer by providing support, fostering compassionate communities, and breaking down barriers to care.*

**All CSCET services are offered at no charge.**

### Programs are made possible in part by our hospital and program sponsors:

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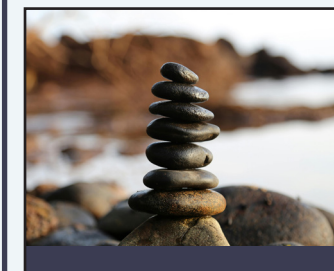


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### Stress Management 101 Series

Thursdays, January 8, 15 & 22  
1:00-2:30 PM  
Denise Stillman, PhD  
This overview of stress management tips will provide a roadmap for managing stress and offer a chance for group discussion and support. Learn to recognize your stress cycle, use self-calming strategies, set realistic goals, manage your thoughts, practice assertiveness, and prioritize enjoyable activities, all in a friendly group setting. This group is for individuals with cancer and their support network. Please plan to attend all 3 classes. In person only. **Pre-register.**



### 9-Week Mindful Self-Compassion Series

Sundays, January 25-March 22  
4:30-6:30 PM  
Orientation is Sunday, Jan. 11  
4:30-5:30 pm  
Dianne Lemieux, PhD  
Research shows that increased self-compassion is linked to a greater sense of well-being and less anxiety and depression. According to Dr. Kristin Neff, self-compassion "is a courageous attitude" that helps us meet difficult emotions and challenges with more calm, strength, resilience, and self-care. Pre-register for the orientation or speak to staff prior to January 21 to sign up for the series. In-person only. **Pre-register.**



### Ask the Doctor: Immunotherapy

Thursday, February 5  
6:00-7:30 PM  
Daniel Ibach, MD  
Researchers have long been interested in harnessing the body's natural defense system to treat cancer, and today this is becoming a reality. Immunotherapy is a treatment that uses a person's own immune system to help fight cancer. In this session, you'll learn about the different types of immunotherapies, how they work in the body, and the potential side effects associated with these treatments. Light meal provided. In-person and virtual. **Pre-register.**



### Stories from the HeART: Gallery Art Show

Sunday, February 15  
1:00-3:00 PM  
CSCET Members & Staff  
Join CSCET friends as we proudly present our first visual arts exhibition showcasing a collection of artwork created by our members. Each piece reflects how they have used creativity to process the emotional impact of a cancer diagnosis. Drop in to enjoy art and experience connection and community. Submissions for this show are due by 4:00 pm on Friday, Jan. 30. All are welcome! In-person only. **Pre-register.**

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# EDUCATION & STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

**Stress Management 101**  
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1:00-2:30 PM  
Denise Stillman, PhD  
See front cover for description.

**Stories from the HeART: Open Studio Sessions**  
Fridays, Jan. 9, Jan. 30  
1:00-3:00 PM  
Natalie Depp, LCSW  
CSCET invites members to explore their cancer experience through a series of scheduled open studio sessions. The art studio will offer a supportive space for participants to experiment with a variety of materials and express their stories—free from expectations—allowing creativity to lead the way. Staff and volunteers will be available to provide feedback and assist with materials. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their work in our Stories from the HeART gallery opening on February 15. In-person only. Pre-register.

**9-Week Mindful Self-Compassion Series**  
Sundays, Jan. 24-Mar.22 | 4:30-6:30 PM  
Orientation for those who have not attended a mindfulness series  
Sunday, Jan. 11 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM  
Dianne Lemieux, PhD  
See front cover for description.

**Don’t Wig Out!**  
Friday, Jan. 16 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Siobian Jones, The Mighty Wig  
Wednesday, Feb. 18 | 12:00-2:00 PM  
Reece Chunn, The Lace Magician  
Hair loss or thinning can be one of the more challenging aspects of the cancer experience. The perspective of a professional can help ease the uncertainty in choosing and maintaining a head covering that is right for you. Our stylists will assist with minor alterations and styling to ensure the perfect fit. In addition to our regularly scheduled session with Siobian of The Mighty Wig, we invite you to join us in welcoming Reece Chunn (son of Wellness Workout Instructor Stephanie Chunn) back to the Knoxville wig and hair care community. Bring your own wig or headscarf or tap into the expertise of our experts to help select one from CSCET’s free wig boutique. Light refreshments provided. In person only. Pre-register.

**Nutrition Tips: Less Waste, More Taste: Cooking for One or Two**  
Tuesday, Jan. 20 | 12:00-1:30 PM  
Chelsea Johnson, MS, RD, LDN, CSO  
Join Chelsea for this class on scaling recipes and using techniques to reduce food waste when cooking for a smaller household. You will learn how strategic meal planning, coupled with storage and preservation techniques, can keep you stocked with easy-to-prepare dishes made from healthy ingredients - reducing waste and keeping your belly full and your body satisfied. Light meal and cooking demo provided. In person and virtual. Pre-register.

**A Gift of Sound**  
Thursday, Jan. 29 | 6:00-7:30 PM  
Jan Coe, Whole Notes Harmony  
Sound has long been used for healing, ceremony, and relaxation. Join Jan for a soothing sound bath using singing bowls, gongs, and chimes to create calming vibrations. Mats and blankets are provided, but feel free to bring extra for comfort. Sign up early to gift yourself this relaxing, restorative experience. In-person only. Pre-register.

**Mindfulness in Everyday Life: Self-Soothing**  
Saturday, Jan. 31 | 11:00AM-12:30PM  
Ann Pendley, Mindfulness Instructor  
We’ve all experienced how unsettling and uncertain life can be. Through the skillful practice of mindfulness, we can learn to self-soothe when life delivers a blow. This means treating ourselves with greater kindness and gentleness as we work to regain inner balance and equanimity. Virtual only. Pre-register.

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**Nutrition Tips: Fats Made Simple**  
Tuesday, Feb. 17 | 12:00-1:30 PM  
Chelsea Johnson, MS, RD, LDN, CSO  
Join Chelsea for a discussion on using fats in cooking and their role in a healthy diet. Participants will learn how to cook with various oils and other fats, understand the differences between saturated, unsaturated, and trans fats, and explore how each type affects overall health. The program combines practical kitchen instruction with easy-to-understand nutrition guidance, empowering you to make confident, informed choices in both your cooking and your eating. Light meal and cooking demo provided. In person and virtual. Pre-register.

**Finding Meaning in Difficult Times**  
Thursday, Feb. 26 | 12:00-1:30 PM  
Debra Sullivan, PhD  
People find meaning in their lives in different ways. A cancer diagnosis brings many life changes and challenges that can disrupt one’s sense of purpose and meaning. Drawing on the work of researchers at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Dr. Debra Sullivan will help you identify the sources of meaning in your life and learn new ways to connect with and cultivate that meaning. Light meal provided. In-person and Virtual. Pre-register.

**Mindfulness in Everyday Life: Working with Our Emotions**  
Saturday, Feb. 28 | 11:00 AM-12:30 PM  
Ann Pendley, Mindfulness Instructor  
Our emotions—especially the difficult ones—can be our greatest teachers. A mindfulness practice can help us slow down, observe challenging emotions, and listen to what they may be trying to tell us. Instead of reacting in ways that create more turmoil in our lives, we’ll practice responding with kindness and intention. Virtual only. Pre-register.



# EXERCISE CLASSES

Check with your medical team before attending. Most classes are gentle enough for those in active treatment and can be modified by CSCET instructors.

**Wellness Workout**  
Mondays | 11:00-11:45 AM **IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL**  
Wednesdays | 11:00-11:45 AM **IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL**  
Stephanie Chunn, Certified Personal Trainer  
Practice total body conditioning: gentle stretching, resistance training and low-impact aerobic exercises. Pre-register. **\*\*No class on Jan. 19\*\***

**Chair Yoga**  
Mondays | 1:00-1:45 PM **IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL**  
Randy Rainey, Certified Yoga Instructor  
This class is accessible to most people and offers benefits of yoga without getting up and down from the floor. Pre-register. **\*\*No class on Jan. 19\*\***

**Yoga**  
Wednesdays | 2:00-3:00 PM **IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL**  
Randy Rainey, Certified Yoga Instructor

**Saturdays | 10:00-11:00 AM IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL**  
Allison Bradley, Certified Yoga Instructor  
Improve flexibility and strengthen muscles through gentle yoga poses. Pre-register. **\*\*No class on Jan. 3\*\***

**Tai Chi/Qigong**  
Fridays | 12:00-1:00 PM **VIRTUAL**  
Russell Sauls, Instructor  
Improve balance, flexibility, and muscle strength with this gentle class. Qigong is a mind/body practice that provides relaxation and healing. Pre-register. **\*\*No class on Jan. 2\*\***

# CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

**Knitting for Relaxation**  
Thursday, Jan. 15 & 29 | 1:00-3:00 PM **IN-PERSON**  
Thursday, Feb. 5 & 19 | 1:00-3:00 PM **IN-PERSON**  
Shelley Hecht, Knitting Instructor  
New to knitting? Old Pro? Learn to knit or bring your own project to work on. Pre-register

**WordFlow: Writing for Wellness**  
Wednesday, Jan. 14 | 12:00-1:30 PM **IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, Feb. 11 | 12:00-1:30 PM **IN-PERSON**  
Donna Doyle, Writing Instructor  
Writing regularly can enhance wellness by decreasing stress, promoting personal growth, and fostering resilience. With guided writing prompts on subjects like food, travel, family, and nature this class will make you feel as if words are flowing from your pen to paper. Comfortable and inspiring for both beginners and advanced writers. Light lunch will be provided. Pre-register.

**Healing Through Art: Scratchboard Art**  
Tuesday, Jan. 13 | 1:00-3:00 PM **IN-PERSON**  
Kelly Sullivan, Art Instructor  
Scratchboard is a reductive method of creating an image on a surface. In this class, we will begin with a prepared black scratchboard and then ‘scratch’ our drawing into it. The contrast of black and white creates an interesting design on its own — but we don’t have to stop there! Kelly will show you how to add color to your pieces as well. Pre-register.

**Healing Through Art: Block Printed Tea Towels**  
Tuesday, Feb. 10 | 1:00-3:00 PM **IN-PERSON**  
Kelly Sullivan, Art Instructor  
This popular class is back! Join Kelly to create a printed tea towel you can proudly display in your kitchen. We will design small blocks, carve them, and then print the pattern onto tea towels. You will learn how to make a printing matrix and how to print a repeating pattern. Pre-register.

# SUPPORT GROUPS

**WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUPS**  
Our ongoing professionally-led, weekly support groups connect you with others who understand the challenges of cancer. **You must meet with a program staff member (virtually or in person) before joining a group. Schedule your appointment by calling (865)546-4661.**

**Groups For People with Cancer**  
Mondays | 11:30-1:00 PM **IN-PERSON,**  
Mondays | 6:00-7:30 PM **VIRTUAL**  
Tuesdays | 6:00-7:30 PM **IN-PERSON**  
Thursdays | 10:00-11:30 AM **VIRTUAL**  
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Mondays | 6:00-7:30 PM **VIRTUAL**  
Tuesdays | 6:00-7:30 PM **VIRTUAL**

**MONTHLY GROUPS**  
• **Prostate Cancer Group**  
• Friday, Jan. 9 | 10-11:30 AM  
• Friday, Feb. 13 | 10-11:30 AM  
• Larry Brown, PhD  
• Connect with others who have prostate cancer in this group. Call before your first group to speak with our program staff. Pre-register.  
• **Bereavement Group**  
• The CSCET Bereavement Group is currently on pause. If you have any questions or need support, please don’t hesitate to call us at (865) 546-4661.

**SHORT-TERM SUPPORT SESSIONS**  
• **By appointment only**  
• Our licensed therapists are available for short-term, cancer-focused individual support sessions. In-person and virtual. Call or email for more information.  
• **Newcomer Orientation**  
• Mondays | 4:00-5:00 PM or by appointment  
• New to CSCET? Come meet with a member of our program staff to learn about the variety of programs we offer to decrease stress, find more joy, and connect with others at this challenging time. In-person and virtual. Call (865) 546-4661 or pre-register online.


# January

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<b>11</b>  <b>9-Week Mindfulness Series: Orientation</b> 4:30-5:30 PM	<b>12</b> <b>Workout</b> 11:00-11:45 AM <b>Support Group</b> 11:30 AM-1:00 PM <b>Chair Yoga</b> 1:00-1:45 PM <b>Orientation</b> 4:00-5:00 PM <b>Support Group</b> 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>13</b> <b>Healing Through Art: Scratchboard Art</b> 1:00-3:00 PM <b>Support Groups</b> 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>14</b> <b>Wellness Workout</b> 11:00-11:45 AM <b>Writing</b> 12:00-1:30 PM <b>Yoga</b> 2:00-3:00 PM	<b>15</b> <b>Support Group</b> 10:00-11:30 AM <b>Knitting</b> 1:00-3:00 PM <b>Stress Management: Week 2</b> 1:00-2:30 PM	<b>16</b>  <b>Don't Wig Out!</b> 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  <b>Tai Chi/Qigong</b> 12:00-1:00 PM	<b>17</b>  <b>Yoga</b> 10:00-11:00 AM
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Office Closed</b> No Programs	<b>20</b> <b>Nutrition Tips: Less Waste, More Taste: Cooking for One or Two</b> 12:00-1:30 PM <b>Support Groups</b> 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>21</b>  <b>Wellness Workout</b> 11:00-11:45 AM <b>Yoga</b> 2:00-3:00 PM	<b>22</b>  <b>Support Group</b> 10:00-11:30 AM <b>Stress Management: Week 3</b> 1:00-2:30 PM	<b>23</b>  <b>Tai Chi/Qigong</b> 12:00-1:00 PM	<b>24</b>  <b>Yoga</b> 10:00-11:00 AM
<b>25</b>  <b>9-Week Mindfulness Series: Week 1</b> 4:30-6:30 PM	<b>26</b> <b>Workout</b> 11:00-11:45 AM <b>Support Group</b> 11:30 AM-1:00 PM <b>Chair Yoga</b> 1:00-1:45 PM <b>Orientation</b> 4:00-5:00 PM <b>Support Group</b> 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>27</b>  <b>Support Groups</b> 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>28</b>  <b>Wellness Workout</b> 11:00-11:45 AM <b>Yoga</b> 2:00-3:00 PM	<b>29</b> <b>Support Group</b> 10:00-11:30 AM <b>Knitting</b> 1:00-3:00 PM <b>A Gift of Sound</b> 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>30</b>  <b>Tai Chi/Qigong</b> 12:00-1:00 PM <b>Open Studio Session</b> 1:00-3:00 PM	<b>31</b> <b>Yoga</b> 10:00-11:00 AM <b>Mindfulness in Everyday Life</b> 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

# February

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