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ELLICSR: Health, Wellness & Cancer Survivorship Centre Newsletter

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About the Healthy Steps Program

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What is Healthy Steps?

Healthy Steps is a gentle, therapeutic dance-based exercise program. It was developed by a cancer survivor for cancer survivors.

What are the benefits of Healthy Steps?

The benefits of Healthy Steps include:

- Increased range of motion
- Reduced fatigue
- *"It keeps us energetic"
- Improved balance
- Strength and self-esteem.
- * "It helps me integrate and feel one again".

What is Healthy Steps like?

- Blow bubbles, which leads into the lymphatic warm up.
- 4 segments using dance moves to exercise the upper and lower body.
- Strength training using light resistance bands.
- Dance routine, followed by a cool-down.
- Chairs are available for balance and rest.
- * "It's a place to go and meet people in the same situation".

Where The ELLICSR gym, in Toronto General Hospital.When Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00

Who are the instructors?

Barbara Jenkins and Stephanie Phan

I want to be part of this. How do I join?



What should I expect from a Healthy Steps class?

You can expect: • Great moves and rhythms set

- Great moves and rhythms set to music from the classics, the 60's, 70's, 80's and beyond
- A *"friendly atmosphere" where *"you can dance to lift your spirits"
- * "exercise at your own level of ability".

"Do Healthy Steps each week and it will make you smile, smile, smile....."



Pick up a Healthy Steps package from the Princess Margaret Patient and Family Library or ELLICSR. Physician consent is required, complete all the forms and, call ELLICSR at 416-581-8620 for a start time.

*Denotes comments from present Healthy Steppers

Join other cancer survivors, caregivers and friends at ELLICSR: Health, Wellness & Cancer Survivorship Center for Community Connections!

Community Connections is a regular event at ELLICSR that is held on the third Thursday of every month.

Stop by Community Connections to:

- Get to know the supportive care organizations in your community
- Attend workshops and programs
- Meet other people affected by cancer

For more information about this event, call ELLICSR Reception at: 416-581-8620.

Community Connections at ELLICSR

Thursday March 15, 2018 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Meet Community Partners

Drop by the community booth to meet a representative from national cancer care organizations to hear about programs and resources available in your community. You can visit anytime from 10:30 – 1:30 pm.

10:30 pm – 12:00 pm	Gilda's Club Greater Toronto & ELLICSR present Yoga Yoga can help improve fitness, relaxation and stress levels. This class includes a gentle flow linking breathing with movement and guided meditation. Registration required. Call 416-581-8620
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	ELLICSR Kitchen: Cooking for Health Join our wellness chef and registered dietitian to get cooking tips and learn about healthy eating. Cooking samples always provided!

The next Community Connections is: Thursday April 19, 2018, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

ELLICSR: Health, Wellness & Cancer Survivorship Centre

Located in the Toronto General Hospital. From the University Avenue entrance of Toronto General Hospital (near Starbucks), take the Munk elevators down to basement level (B). Follow the signs to ELLICSR.



Meet the Community Connections Supportive Care Organizations

Art for Cancer Foundation 416-763-8752 www.artforcancerfoundation.org

Bikur Cholim 416-783-7983 www.bikurcholim.ca

Bladder Cancer Canada 1-866-674-8889 www.bladdercancercanada.org

Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation 1-888-778-3100 support.cbcf.org

The Canadian Cancer Society 1-888-939-3333 www.cancer.ca

The Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada (CCAC) 416-920-4333 www.colorectal-cancer.ca

The Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network 905-787-999 or 1-877-303-4999 info@thecasn.org

Dr. Jay Children's Grief Centre 416-360-1111 www.drjaychildrensgriefcentre.ca

Gilda's Club Greater Toronto 416-214-9898 www.gildasclubtoronto.org

Kidney Cancer Canada 1-866-598-7166 www.kidneycancercanada.ca

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada (LLSC) 647-253-5503 or 1-877-668-8326 x5503 www.llscanada.org

Lung Cancer Canada 416-785-3439 or 1-888-445-4403 www.lungcancercanada.ca

Lymphoma Foundation Canada 1-866-659-5556 www.lymphoma.ca





















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The Olive Branch of Hope 416-256-3155 or 1-877-251-0770 olivebranch@theolivebranch.ca www.theolivebranch.ca

Ovarian Cancer Canada 1-877-413-7970 x231 www.ovariancanada.org









Ovarian Cancer Peer Support Network Greater Toronto Area www.ovCAPeers.com

Pancreatic Cancer Canada 1-888-726-2269 www.pancreaticcancercanada.ca

POGO 416-592-1232 www.pogo.ca

Prostate Cancer Canada 416-441-2131 or 1-888-255-0333 www.prostatecancer.ca

Rebounders 905-338-1530 www.rebounders.ca

Rethink Breast Cancer www.rethinkbreastcancer.com

Testicular Cancer 519-894-0134 www.testicularcancercanada.ca

Thyroid Cancer Canada 416-487-8267 www.thyroidcancercanada.org

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See Chris Taylor's story at **www.thepmcf.ca**

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