DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?



My Concerns with my Diagnosis

- Being diagnosed with Stage 3A Colon Cancer was shocking!
- What would be my recovery from resection surgery?
- How would side effects of chemo affect me?
- How long would the effects of chemo last after I was done?
- How was this going to change my life as a whole?
- Would I need a lot of help from friends and family?
- How much would insurance cover?
- How would work be affected?
- Will cancer ever come back?

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKEII

I have been where you are today!!!

Everything I've mentioned before are things I was concerned about back in July 2017 after my colonoscopy! I remember being told that the original biopsy was cancerous by the gastroenterologist. I was then told I needed to find an oncologist and surgeon as soon as possible. I still remember the first time I used the phrase "I have cancer!" It was surreal at first. But the more I said it, the more I began to accept it. The next thing I remember was going into survival mode. I took the position that I would do whatever it would take to overcome the disease. Whatever the medical professionals told me to do, I would do! What I didn't have then but now I know then is that the issues we face as cancer patients are holistic. Also, that there are survivors who share their experiences to help others!



What I have achieved....

- I have finished my 5-year post treatment care plan since my diagnosis in 2017 and am now "cured"!
- At 53, made the decision to become a life coach working with cancer patients!
- By the end of 2021, got certified as a Life Coach, Health and Wellness Coach and Spiritual Coach and launched Cancer Care Coaching!
- Just got married in March 2023!



YOU CAN HAVE A LIFE THAT INCLUDES:

- EMPOWERMENT
- CONTENTMENT
- HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- FINANCIAL STABILITY
- HOPE
- CONTROL
- REALIZING YOUR DREAMS



What Results will See?

You Will:

- Understand what type of cancer you have and what the treatments will be like
- Be able to advocate for yourself without feeling like you are a burden
- Develop schedules for eating, sleeping, and exercise that will help you remain strong
- Have resources that can help you financially if
- you require assistance
 Have the tools to start planning for life after cancer and what you would like to do with that life

EDUCATION



How to learn about what type and stage of cancer I have, and what my treatment and post-care will be.

Resources to Learn More About my Disease

- Medical Team (Oncologist, surgeon, nurses, internist, dietician)
- Cancer-specific organizations (Most have foundations or other type of organizations)
- National organizations (American Cancer Society, cancer.gov)
- Medical sites (webMd)
- Other types of resources (Financial, food delivery, rides, counseling)
- Triage Cancer (www.triagecancer.org) A "one-stop" site for all types of resources
- Sagely Health Resource for finding clinical trial options

SELF-CARE



What can I do to help me stay physically and mentally strong during my cancer journey?