

"One year ago, my mom made the decision to return home to Wichita and became a member of the Y. She has gone from being pretty frail to being more confident, just a little bit sassy and has made amazing gains in her strength, endurance and overall health status. She graduated from LIVESTRONG at the West YMCA on December 10, and her smile pretty much says it all."

— Jana Hublick,Daughter of Mary McCormick

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# A PLACE WHERE CANCER SURVIVORS

BELONG BELONG

LIVESTRONG AT THE YMCA

As a cancer survivor, you know the tremendous toll the disease and its treatment can take on your spirit, mind and body.

You want to begin to heal and reclaim your health. But where do you start?

LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA can help.

In 2008, the YMCA partnered with the LIVE**STRONG** Foundation to help cancer survivors begin the journey toward recovery with the LIVESTRONG at the YMCA program. Part of the Y's commitment to strengthening community through healthy living, the program offers adults affected by cancer a safe, supportive environment to participate in physical and social activities focused on strengthening the whole person.



## **HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?**

LIVE**STRONG** at the YMCA focuses on you—the whole person—not the disease. The free, 12-week program meets twice a week for 90 minutes, using traditional exercise methods to ease you back into fitness. You'll focus on:

- · building muscle mass and strength
- · increasing flexibility and endurance
- improving confidence and self-esteem

Plus, learn about wellness, stress reduction techniques and how to continue healthful habits after the program has ended.

Just as important, LIVE**STRONG** at the YMCA encourages a warm spirit of community—a safe, comfortable place for you to build companionship with others affected by cancer and share stories and inspiration.

## **TAKING IT AT YOUR OWN PACE**

No one experiences cancer in the same way. Participants come to the program with different physical challenges and lifestyle goals. LIVE**STRONG** at the YMCA provides you with individualized attention and an approach to recovery that targets the areas you need to rebuild. There's no competition here—physical activities are tailored to match only what you're able to accomplish.





## **EXPERT, CARING STAFF**

LIVE**STRONG** at the YMCA staff have been specially trained to work with cancer survivors and patients and follow American College of Sports Medicine and American Cancer Society exercise guidelines. They're exercise experts who can understand your unique physical needs and concerns and help you address them safely. They're also relationship builders with the empathy and ability to develop relationships with and among cancer survivors.

## THE NEED FOR LIVESTRONG® AT THE YMCA

Medical studies have shown that moderate levels of appropriate physical activity can reduce fatigue, boost self-esteem and improve muscle strength and physical endurance in individuals during and following cancer treatment. And cancer survivors themselves are increasingly aware of the positive impact that moderate physical activity, supportive relationships and stress reduction techniques can have on their quality of life. LIVE**STRONG** at the YMCA has helped thousands of cancer survivors move beyond cancer in spirit, mind and body.

#### **HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?**

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The LIVE**STRONG** Foundation serves people affected by cancer and empowers them to take action against the world's leading cause of death. The Foundation offers additional services and resources for survivors at LIVESTRONG.org.