



# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

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## APRIL IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY



Wentworth, NC – On Behalf of the Be Healthy Workgroup, a monthly press release will be submitted on certain health topics. April is Cancer Awareness Month. According to the American Cancer Society, Cancer can start any place in the body. It starts when cells grow out of control and crowd out normal cells.

This makes it hard for the body to work the way it should. Cancer can be treated very well for many people. In fact, more people than ever before lead full lives after cancer treatment. There are many types of cancer. It's not just one disease. Cancer can start in the lungs, the breast, the colon, or even in the blood. Cancers are alike in some ways, but they are different in the ways they grow and spread. The most common treatments for cancer are surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation.

There are several resources in Rockingham County that can help you, a loved one, or someone you know fighting cancer.

- The Barry L. Joyce Local Cancer Support Fund is located in Madison, NC 27025. The center has helped cancer patients in Rockingham County, financially, for more than 14 years. The opening of The Barry Joyce Cancer Resource Center in November of 2013, has allowed the center to also assist cancer patients and their families on more of an emotional and educational level.
- Cone Health Cancer Center at Annie Penn Hospital
- UNC Cancer Care at Rockingham, A service of UNC Hospitals
- YMCA Livestrong program (while it is not a cancer resource) is for cancer survivors that have completed their treatment and have medical clearance from their physician. For more information, contact Tracie Heavner 336-478-9640 or [tracie.heavner@ymcagreensboro.org](mailto:tracie.heavner@ymcagreensboro.org)

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