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CANCER PATIENTS LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT CANCER

KENOSHA, Wis. – “Having cancer is not just about the individual, it really affects the whole family including the children who see their parents or grandparents fighting the disease,” says Melissa Minkley, counselor at Stillwaters Cancer Support Services. Stillwaters, along with Oncology Alliance, will be offering a two-hour workshop called “Talking to Kids About Cancer” on Wednesday, May 27 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Kenosha Northside Library. The workshop will be an educational seminar for parents and grandparents to learn helpful tips when speaking with their children about cancer. The attendees will also learn ways to maintain open communication with their families before, during and after treatment.

Recently, Oncology Alliance, an independent cancer provider with 11 locations in southeast Wisconsin, has been working with Stillwaters to help expand its programs and workshops to other communities in the area. Oncology Alliance has two clinic locations in Kenosha and one in Racine.

“Every day we see patients who are concerned about the emotional stress having cancer has on their loved ones, including their children or grandchildren,” says Brad Zimmerman, social worker at Oncology Alliance. “At Oncology Alliance we help patients find resources that can help them and their families deal with the emotional and psychological aspects of cancer.”

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Since 1994, Stillwaters has been offering programs and workshops at its Waukesha location to cancer patients. The programs were developed to complement the efforts of medical professionals and other cancer organizations by providing psychological, social and emotional support through a community of professional staff, volunteers, other patients and their families.

According to Zimmerman, Stillwaters has been a great resource for referring patients in the Waukesha area. “The reputation and quality of programs offered at Stillwaters is great. Oncology Alliance is excited to collaborate with Stillwaters to offer some of these workshops for cancer patients and their loved ones in other communities, including the Kenosha area,” says Zimmerman.

To register for the “Talking to Kids About Cancer” workshop in Kenosha on Wednesday, May 27, contact Tina Johnson at (414) 479-8695. There is no fee to attend the workshop, and refreshments will be served

Stillwaters Cancer Support Services is a community based nonprofit organization providing psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual support for persons with cancer and those who love them. Stillwaters recognizes the financial strain an illness can have and is committed to providing support services at no cost or obligation. All programs are made possible due to the generous support of individuals, corporations and foundations. For more information about Stillwaters, call (262) 548-9148 or visit www.stillwaterscenter.org.

Oncology Alliance is the largest private practice of oncology and hematology specialists in the greater Milwaukee area. Oncology Alliance’s 19 physicians provide care to patients from 11 locations in Southeastern Wisconsin. They are supported by a multidisciplinary team of 260 employees, including oncology nurses who are specially trained in oncology and hematology care and numerous other clinical specialists. For more information about Oncology Alliance, contact Mike Koroscik at (414) 778-4300 or go to www.oncologyalliance.com.

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