The Smilow Cancer Hospital Survivorship team, in collaboration with the team from Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at Greenwich Hospital, invite you to join us for our inaugural 2020 Smilow Cancer Hospital Network National Cancer Survivorship Day Virtual Celebration.

**How Will our Virtual Cancer Survivors’ Celebration Work?**

On Sunday, June 7th we will host an Opening Ceremony from our Smilow Network locations. The following 5 evenings (June 8-12) new video content will launch focused on nutrition, integrative medicine, rehab, social work, and a spa night. We look forward to sharing tips on staying active and energized, strategies on eating well with fun, easy recipes, and much more! These videos will be posted on the Smilow Cancer Hospital YouTube page and through social media. Links will also be available on the Yale Survivorship webpage.

We will close the event with a special Town Hall and scrapbook video dedicated to survivors from our Smilow Care Centers. It will include photos from survivors and words of inspiration from some of Cancer Care teams. This special Town Hall will provide an opportunity for Survivors to participate in a live chat and ask questions or offer comments; questions can also be submitted in advance to CancerAnswers@yale.edu.

**How You Can Help Celebrate Your Cancer Survivors**

**Share Through Virtual Interaction:**

Starting now, and throughout the month of June, let us know the reasons you celebrate! We welcome you to celebrate survivors through recording fun and/or educational videos. Some ideas could include having the care team create a shout out to their patients and survivors, talk about what Survivorship means to them, or provide some practical tips for cancer survivors. Videos can be recorded on your phone or by Zoom (see attached instructions), and please nothing longer than 1 hour (short and sweet is always good!). Please email CancerAnswers@yale.edu when ready to upload your video, and a link will be provided in the reply for you to upload your video.

**Instructions for the Videos:**

- Keep the topics related to Cancer Survivorship.
- Short and sweet is best (perhaps 10-15 minutes long or shorter), but no longer than 1 hour.
- Familiar faces help! Our survivors want to see their team! Perhaps include different members of the care team in a video (i.e. having an infusion nurse assist a dietitian in a cooking video).
- We understand your time is limited, and we value any time and effort you put into this!
- Video submissions will be accepted throughout June, but early submissions are highly encouraged! Survivors Day is June 7th and we hope to have some submissions that week and in the weeks following.
- Please submit your videos no later than June 14, 2020. Please email CancerAnswers@yale.edu when ready to upload your video, and a link will be provided in the reply for you to upload your video. Thank you!

**Share Through Invitation and Including Your Survivors:**
We invite you to participate by sharing the invitation with your survivors. Stories or testimonials from survivors about their cancer journey are also welcome! For example, this could pertain to some Survivorship themes, such as the benefit seen from healthy lifestyle behaviors. For patients who choose to submit and share a video, this will require a consent form, which is attached. We will post videos received throughout the month of June.

**Share Through Social Media:**

You can also help recognize our survivors by using the hashtag #SmilowSurvivorship #SmilowCelebratesSurvivors #SmilowSurvivors #SmilowSurvivorsGreenwich #SmilowSurvivorsYale #SmilowSurvivorsBridgeport #SmilowSurvivorsL&M #SmilowSurvivorsYNHHS #SmilowSurvivorsStFrancis on social media throughout the month.

**Together, Help Us Celebrate Our Survivors During This Difficult Time**

Although we’ll miss coming together in person, this new virtual celebration is an opportunity to share the experience with cancer survivors and supporters throughout the community. Thank you for your time and consideration to celebrate our survivors together!

Please contact us as soon as possible with any questions or concerns!
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*Cancer doesn’t stop during a pandemic, and neither do we!*