

Naomi Carrick – Cancer Journey Beginning July 2018

July 28, 2018: Naomi was admitted to Novant Rowan Regional Hospital with a preliminary diagnosis of intestinal blockage. Later, she was transferred to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center for a second opinion.

On August 15th, Naomi was released from WFBMC after a diagnosis of gastrointestinal cancer...most likely pancreatic cancer. She had lost a lot of weight by this time, at one point going almost two weeks without much solid food.

In late August, Naomi was readmitted to WFBMC to continue to address issues that needed to be cleared up. Since Aug. 15, and through this hospital stay, she received radiation that would shrink the cancer mass and cause it to not put pressure on the intestines, thus allowing her to eat and gain her strength back. Once her strength was back, Naomi could start the chemo treatments the doctors gave her as an option. The doctors told her that the cancer would not go into remission but if the chemo worked, they thought they could either keep the cancer mass from growing or slow its growth.

In early September, Naomi had a port inserted, the easiest way for her to receive the chemo treatments that Naomi soon started. With a few exceptions, Naomi has been to WFBMC every two weeks for chemo. The visit involves a doctor's appointment, getting necessary prescriptions filled and she wears a bag home with timed-release medicine inside. Two days later, Naomi returns to WFBMC to have the bag removed and get a medicine patch to boost her white blood cell count to help her fight infections. This routine will continue for the rest of Naomi's life unless she and/or the doctor decide to stop treatments.

September 12, 2018 – Present: Naomi has had a number of other doctor visits to treat conditions secondary to, but often related to, her cancer. The most significant incident was a hospitalization at WFBMC from **June 19 – 24, 2019.** During this time, she had surgery to repair two broken bones in her pelvis. These small fractures occurred due to the bone weakness caused by the chemo treatments.

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ROWAN COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT FUND

The financial costs associated with cancer diagnosis are often overwhelming. Even with health insurance, many cancer patients and families are left looking for financial assistance. Additionally, it can be hard for someone battling cancer to deal with the physical, emotional, and day to day challenges brought on by their illness. It was because of these needs that the Rowan County Cancer Support Fund a 501c(3) non-profit, was founded in August 2017. We are here to serve cancer patients and survivors living within the geographical boundaries of Rowan County and surrounding counties of North Carolina.

Rowan County Cancer Support Fund aspires to meet the needs of cancer patients by assisting with treatment costs, transportation to and from appointments, prescription co-payments, mortgage and rental payments, utilities, outstanding medical bills, groceries and even insurance premiums for those that may be uninsured. A cancer diagnosis is a life changing event that could change an individual's lifestyle forever, and sometimes these individuals may need a little assistance to ease the financial burden so they can focus on getting better.

The lack of health insurance and other barriers prevent many Americans from receiving optimal health care. Uninsured patients and those from many ethnic minority groups are substantially more likely to be diagnosed with cancer at a later stage, when treatment is more extensive, more costly, and less stressful. This is especially true in Rowan County where at least 17% of the population, are uninsured and 18% of the population lives below the poverty level. A new study looking at the survival and stages of cancer has found that people living in poor neighborhoods and those that have financial burdens, have a greater risk of dying after a cancer diagnosis than people with higher socioeconomic status.

As a non-profit organization, Rowan County Cancer Support Fund, would like to ask members of our community to share our passion for cancer care by making a financial contribution that will assist cancer patients with the expenses associated with their diagnosis. If you would like to donate or learn more about our services please contact Candice Campbell at 704.636.5542x121.



OCTOBER 26, 2019

9:00 AM 5K RUN/WALK
10:00 AM 1/2 MILE FUN RUN

9275 Bringle Ferry Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28146



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WHEN

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5K RUN/WALK 9:00 am
FUN RUN 10:00 am

WHERE

ST. MATTHEW'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
9275 Bringles Ferry Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28146

COURSE

Will start and end at
St. Matthew's

REGISTRATION

Early registration through
Mail in: October 23
On-line: October 25
www.sportoften.com

PRE-REGIST. PRICE

\$20 - 5K RUN/WALK
\$10 - 1/2 MILE FUN RUN

RACE DAY REGIST. PRICE

Register from 7:30 am to 8:45 am
\$25 - 5K RUN/WALK
\$10 - 1/2 MILE FUN RUN

TIMING

Timing and Scoring will be done
by the Salisbury Rowan Runners.

SHIRTS

5K RUN/WALK participants
receive a Dri-Fit Technical T-shirt.
Pre-Registered 1/2 MILE Fun Run
participants receive a cotton
t-shirt.

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AWARDS

5K RUN/WALK
Top 2 Overall M/F
Top 3 Age Group M/F

1/2 MILE FUN RUN
Top Overall M/F
Medals to all other Fun Run
Finishers

AGES

5K RUN/WALK
10 & Under, 11-15, 16-19, 20-24,
25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44,
45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64,
65-69, 70-over.

This 5K Run/Walk is an approved
Thrivent Action Team Event. They have
donated \$250 to be used toward water
and refreshments.



**Come dressed in your favorite
Halloween costume!**

**Best Youth (M/F) costume will win a
Gift Card from Sweet Frog and a trophy!**



Winner(s) of Costume Contest must be
registered in the 5K Run/Walk and
participated in costume.

ST. MATTHEW'S 5K

	By OCT. 23	OCT. 26
<input type="checkbox"/> 5K Run/Walk	\$20	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Fun-Run	\$10	\$10

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____ Age on Oct. 26 _____

Male Female

Shirt Size (circle one)

Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL

Youth Sizes: XS S M L

Please make entry fee payable to:
ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
9275 Bringles Ferry Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28146

Participant Waiver: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Salisbury Rowan Runners, St. Matthew's Church, Rowan County, and all sponsors, contributors and their representatives, successors and assignees for injury or illness which may result from my participation. I attest that I am in proper physical condition to compete in this race and understand the risks associated therewith. I also give my permission for the administration of medical aid in the case of emergency. I further give my permission for the free use of my name, voice recording, or picture in any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event for any legitimate purpose. I understand that if the race is canceled because of circumstances beyond the control of the race committee and sponsors, including, but not limited to hazardous weather conditions or government ban, my entry fee will not be refunded.

Signature (Parent/Guardian must sign if under 18) _____ Date _____