I encourage cancer survivors to **GO DO IT** and run or walk to the closest program available. Bring your family or care giver. Renew yourself with not only the physical but emotional support you need. Thank you YMCA and keep up the good you are doing!

- Cathy

**LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA** has made an incredible difference in my recovery from breast cancer. The treatments had slowed my metabolism and there were so many daily activities I couldn’t do. The coaches are patient and kind and showed me how to build up my strength, without overdoing it. The survivors in the group all are very warm and friendly. Now, I am proud of what I can do. I feel like a different person.

- Michelle

I thoroughly enjoyed being in the **LIVESTRONG®** at the YMCA class with all of the participants, working out with them and beside them, but more importantly, getting to know them and sharing our time, laughs and smiles and conversations together. I have truly learned so much from this “walk” with all of them. They helped me deal with the emotional side of cancer in ways that I never anticipated or could have imagined.

- Luanne

**The Program Overview**

LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA focuses on you—the whole person—not cancer. The free, 12-week program:

- Meets twice a week, 90 minute group sessions
- Uses traditional exercise methods, easing you into an exercise routine
- Focuses on improving strength, increasing muscle tone, flexibility, and endurance
- Improving confidence, self esteem and maintaining a healthy weight
- Creates new friendships and support along the way

The program also provides ways to reduce and manage stress, education on wellness topics and how to continue healthful habits after the program concludes.
As a cancer survivor, you know the tremendous toll the disease and its treatment can take on your spirit, mind and body.

**Reclaiming your health and starting to heal takes time and support.**

That is where the Y can help!

In 2008, the YMCA partnered with the LIVESTRONG® Foundation to help cancer survivors begin the journey toward recovery with the LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA program. As 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.

**Expert, Caring Staff**

LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA staff have been specially trained to work with cancer survivors and patients. By following the American College of Sports Medicine and American Cancer Society exercise guidelines, Y staff:

- Understand your unique physical needs and provide exercise expertise
- Listen to your concerns with empathy and address them safely
- Build healthy relationships with you and your group
- Connect with you and your family

How Can I Find Out More?

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**The LIVESTRONG Foundation** serves people affected by cancer and empowers them to take action against the world’s leading cause of death. Created as the Lance Armstrong Foundation in 1997 by cancer survivor and champion cyclist Lance Armstrong, the Foundation offers additional services and resources for survivors at LIVESTRONG.org.

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