

News & Updates

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SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER NEWEST ENERGY PARTNER SITE

May 8, 2006 marked Swedish Radiation Oncology as the newest medical location for LifeSpark's Energy Partners program. The convenient Swedish Medical Center location is at 799 East Hampden Avenue in Englewood. Weekly Reiki or Healing Touch sessions will be provided to participants, with preference shown to current Swedish patients.

According to Swedish Oncology Patient Care Coordinator Kelly Topf, "Our patients ask for complementary therapies such as Reiki and we want them to have access to these services. Having LifeSpark on our campus makes us a more comprehensive cancer center."



KELLY TOPF

LIFESPARK & SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER—THE RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES

- 2003—Healing Buddies Program (now operating as LifeSpark) offered sessions at the Center for Breast Health, a collaborative program between Swedish Medical Center and the Sally Jobe Breast Center.
- November, 2005—The Center for Breast Health relocated to the Swedish Medical Center campus.
- May, 2006—LifeSpark finalized a contract with Swedish and a new partnership began.

Other locations for LifeSpark sessions include Foothills Hospital in Boulder, HealthLinks in Boulder, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Denver, and Green Mountain United Methodist Church in Lakewood.

For LifeSpark enrollment information please call 303-425-5670 or visit www.LifeSparkNow.org.

CONVENIENT DENVER LOCATION LIFESPARK LEAVES ST. JOHN'S RELOCATES TO ST. BARNABAS

As QuaLife Wellness Community closed its doors at the end of 2004 the Healing Buddies program (now LifeSpark) was without a home. St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, a longtime supporter of QuaLife, offered temporary space by providing a designated room for Healing Touch and Reiki sessions as well as a location for the monthly provider support group.

In June, after 15 months at St. John's, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at 1280 Vine Street in Denver graciously agreed to host LifeSpark's Energy Partner sessions, releasing St. John's to use their space for other parish needs.

According to Carrie Niewenhous, LifeSpark Board Secretary and Coordinator for the St. John's site, "We are deeply grateful to St. John's for the use of their donated space, and we are looking forward to our new location at St. Barnabas."

HEALING TOUCH INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION WITH US FROM THE BEGINNING

Healing Touch International Foundation (HTIF), a charitable foundation created to fund Healing Touch programs and research, has continued funding for the fourth consecutive year. "HTIF was the first foundation to fund us" said LifeSpark Executive Director Sandy Priester. "They provided a grant in 2002 when we were first setting up Healing Buddies, and have funded us ever since. They have come through when we needed them most, including 2005 when we were in transition."

"We are grateful to HTIF for making it possible to be where we are today," says Ruth Muhr, Treasurer of LifeSpark. "Their steadfast support represents an example of trust and faith in our program. We honor that trust by keeping true to our mission in providing comfort, support and empowerment to those touched by cancer."

For further information about HTIF visit www.htifoundation.org.

CARE AND SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CANCER

LifeSpark's innovative Energy Partners program matches specially trained Reiki and Healing Touch providers with individuals experiencing cancer for weekly energy sessions.

These therapies can help decrease fatigue, depression, anxiety, and pain, while providing a sense of hope and support for those undergoing cancer treatment. Sessions are held in Englewood, Boulder, Lakewood, and Denver.



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**NEW PROVIDERS EXPAND AVAILABLE SESSIONS
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CANCER**

Thirteen new Reiki and Healing Touch providers joined LifeSpark's Energy Partners program in April 2006, making room for more individuals with cancer to enroll in the program. LifeSpark periodically adds new Energy Partner providers as a way of expanding the availability of Reiki and Healing Touch in the program.

These new providers, already trained in energy therapies, completed an 18 hour seminar that prepares them to work with individuals with cancer. All providers are volunteers, and many are professionals in other health fields, bringing their caring and compassion to this program as a way of giving back to the community where they live.

NEW PROVIDER SEMINAR—OCTOBER 6-8, 2006

This semi-annual training weekend is for Reiki and Healing Touch providers wishing to volunteer in the Energy Partners program. For more information, go to www.LifeSparkNow.org.

Who do you know with cancer that could benefit from this program?

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**LEARN ABOUT
LIFESPARK**

Beginning this Fall, LifeSpark will host a series of free informational events to introduce the organization to the general public. We'll keep you posted of the details in future newsletters and the *News* section of www.LifeSparkNow.org.



IT'S OFFICIAL!!! LIFESPARK RECEIVES 501(C)(3) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

We are proud to announce LifeSpark Cancer Resources is classified as an Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) publicly-funded non-profit organization. Donations to LifeSpark by US taxable entities are now fully tax-deductible.

March 20, 2006 will forever mark the anniversary of LifeSpark receiving tax exempt status from the IRS—ten anxiously anticipated months after the initial application was submitted.

“We are thrilled to have our own tax-exempt status and be able to accept donations directly.” says LifeSpark Executive Director Sandy Priester. “We wish to thank QuaLife Wellness

Community for hosting us and then serving as our fiscal agent this past year.”

LifeSpark Board President Lisa Anselme goes on to say “We are so grateful to those who have supported us through this transition. Thanks to all of you, we can now fully implement our strategic plan and expand this work of service.”

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