About Housing Services



Cancer Support Services provides housing services to men, women, and children who need housing when Augusta, Georgia is their best hope for a cure. Patients who reside nationwide and even locally lodge to be near cancer treatment. The House has 10 guest rooms with a private bath and two beds for one patient and one caregiver per room. Local hotels are used for overfill and pediatric patients.

Guests have access to laundry facilities and washing supplies, a library, meals, transport to cancer treatment, and Cancer Support Services' compassionate hospitality—all at no charge. There is a 24/7 presence of staff and Volunteers, assistance with prescription costs, and case management support for the challenges cancer fighters face.

Reservations

Reservations are made by referral from physicians for men, women, and children who are medically stable and safe to lodge without any anticipated need for urgent medical care. Oncology guests can have their healthcare provider contact Cancer Support Services for referral assistance.

Length of Stay

Guests may stay one night, several weeks, or several months, depending on their treatment plan and



referral. Guests stay at Cancer Support Services on nights before treatment, tests, follow up appointments, surgery, and long-term treatment.

Cost

Cancer Support Services' housing is open to all cancer fighters while receiving cancer treatment and related care and their caregivers, regardless of ability to pay. No guest or family ever receives a bill for housing, transport, or food so they can focus on surviving.



"Best place ever when going thru treatments. Excellent talking with and meeting others on the same journey! Relaxing! Amazing place." -Sue

At The Daksha Chudgar Lydia House, guests lift each other up. This interpersonal support network is part of what makes the Daksha Chudgar Lydia House more than just another place to spend the night. The house is named in memory of Dr. Daksha Chudgar who had a successful medical career in Augusta, Georgia. She dedicated her life to her family, her patients and her passion for academia. The Daksha Chudgar Lydia House emulates her compassion with loving care for individuals fighting cancer.



Why Housing Services?

Increasingly physicians, especially specialists, cannot be found in rural areas. Oftentimes, Augusta's oncology medical community is simply the best hope for a cure.

Rural, as well as local residents, also have transportation difficulties. Patients cannot pay expensive, daily, roundtrip fuel or hotel costs for needed cancer treatment in Augusta. Patients may not have a car or family who can help. In some cases, the challenges and costs are so high patients may be forced to decide to stop cancer treatment early, or not get treatment at all.

Cancer Support Services' housing and transportation to medical care makes life-saving treatment possible for individuals fighting cancer who otherwise might not receive treatment. Just having Cancer Support Services' extra support makes an impacting difference in patients' resolve.

"Patient care has no boundaries at Cancer Support Services.

I am very grateful for the free housing, transport, and other financial and compassionate help and support they provide to patients daily. It is a wonderful partnership of hope."

-Jorge Cortes, MD Director, Georgia Cancer Center "Staying at the Daksha Chudgar Lydia House was a Godsend for me. If I'd of had to drive all the way back to Tignall, I don't think I could of made it after five hours of chemo. I was so sick after chemo. The housing helped me get to where I had to be quicker." -Wilma

"We had no idea how much support we needed and how much we received. This all makes such a difference during these times." -Jennifer, mother of Iris, 2-year-old cancer fighter.



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"Just having the help of the housing and food was such a tremendous help.

I genuinely thank you."

-Crystal, mother of George,

14-year-old cancer fighter



Housing Services

For individuals Receiving Cancer Treatment in the Central Savannah River

