



Community Home Care & Hospice's Mary Swartz Recognized For Leadership by NC Comprehensive Cancer Program

New Bern, NC - The NC Comprehensive Cancer Program recently recognized Mary Swartz, of New Bern, for her leadership and dedication on the Program's Advisory Committee. Swartz, a cancer survivor, was originally appointed to the Advisory Committee by Lt. Gov. Bev Perdue and then reappointed by Senator Scott Thomas.

The goal of the NC Comprehensive Cancer Program is to develop and implement effective strategies to prevent, detect and control cancer and to promote activities, which enhance comprehensive cancer initiatives. Comprehensive cancer control is a collaborative process through which a community pools resources to reduce the burden of cancer by working to reduce cancer risk, detect cancers earlier, improve treatment, and enhance quality of life for survivors.

"The Cancer Board is one the best organizations in the state. I was honored to have served as part of the Advisory Committee. They work diligently to make sure that cancer is always on the top burner. The leadership is second to none," said Swartz.

The primary activities of the cancer program include: the provision of professional and public education to improve prevention, detection and control of cancer; collaboration with communities to foster cancer control through state and regional advisory councils, coalitions and committees; and the promotion of partnerships and collaboration with agencies, health facilities and educational institutions to actively work toward the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Cancer Plan.

Swartz served as a committee member from 1999 to 2007. Swartz, originally from Galway, Ireland, has three children and six grandchildren. She serves as Office Manager of Community Home Care & Hospice's New Bern location.

About Community Home Care & Hospice: Community Home Care & Hospice provides palliative physical, emotional and spiritual care to those living with life-limiting illness. Services encompass patient and family, empowering patients to live each day as fully as possible, with dignity, choices, and control. CHC&H has 49 offices serving more than 50 counties in North and South Carolina. For more information visit their Web site at www.communityhch.com

About The NC Advisory Committee On Cancer Coordination & Control: In response to Cervical Cancer Task Force study in September 1992 the North Carolina General Assembly convened a study commission on cancer. Within a year, the study commission proposed the establishment of a statewide cancer coordinating and control body. The establishment of The North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control) by the General Assembly in 1993 indicated the Legislature's commitment to reducing the burden of cancer in North Carolina.

The 34 members of the ACCCC include representatives from public and private organizations and institutions, cancer survivors, and legislators. For more information visit their Web site at www.nccanceradvisory.com