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### **1 Million Hands Project Visits Southside Regional Medical Center**

**Petersburg, VA** – Earlier this week the 1 Million Hands Project visited Southside Regional Medical Center (SRMC). Cancer survivors from the Tri-Cities decorated the traveling art piece during a stop in Petersburg as it travels across the country. SRMC patients, staff, friends and family gathered in front of the SRMC Cancer Center to celebrate their victory and commemorate their journey.

The 1 Million Hands Project is a mobile art piece started by Jeremy Gorup. It is looking for 1 million cancer survivors to add their colorful handprint as it crisscrosses the country. Dedicated to Jeremy's mom Betty, a cancer survivor, who at the time of diagnosis and throughout treatment, realized what matters most in life. Jeremy is traveling across the U.S.A. building a beautiful community of cancer survivors, sharing stories, art, smiles and showing that cancer can and will be beat. Turning his anger at cancer into an amazing, traveling art piece he is looking to add 1 million colorful hand prints of cancer survivors to this canvas as he tours across the U.S.A.

All FREE, he provides the canvas, colorful paints and gloves (so no skin to paint contact), many survivors are also tagging the canvas with personal and inspiring quotes that will be shared with the world. Friends, family and supporters are welcome to take part in the art, as well.

There are 15.5 million strong and amazing cancer survivors in the U.S. and we are only looking for 1 million to add their personal touch to the 1 Million Hands Project.

Normally doing 2 locations and times most days in each city visited, it is fully a passion project, by and for the cancer survivor community.

The van will return to Central Virginia April 1-5

- Planet Fitness at 10040 Robious Road 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Lowe's at 2501 Sheila Lane from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Follow the van's journey on Facebook and Twitter:

<https://www.facebook.com/jointhe12/>

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If you would like to host the 1 Million Hands Project at your location or to learn more, contact:

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Hear from cancer survivors who added their hands to the project while it was at SRMC:

<https://www.progress-index.com/news/20190329/travelling-art-piece-showcases-strength-of-cancer-survivors>

<http://www.nbc12.com/2019/03/25/art-canvas-wheels-looking-cancer-survivors-share-their-stories/>

<https://www.wric.com/news/local-news/1-million-hands-project-looking-for-cancer-survivors-in-richmond-area-it-means-everything-to-me-/1877079485>





### **About Southside Regional Medical Center**

Southside Regional Medical Center (SRMC) is a 300-bed, acute-care facility located at 200 Medical Park Boulevard in Petersburg, VA. SRMC serves nearly 200,000 residents and boasts a medical staff of more than 380 physicians representing more than 40 specialties. SRMC treats more than 60,000 patients annually in its Emergency Department and is a Level III Trauma Center. The medical center provides inpatient care for approximately 12,000 patients per year. SRMC's free standing emergency department, Southside Emergency Care Center at Colonial Heights is open 24/7/365 and conveniently located off I-95 at Exit 53. SRMC is owned in part by physicians. For more information about SRMC and the services it provides, please visit [SRMOnline.com](http://SRMOnline.com). You can also find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SouthsideRegionalMedicalCenter).

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