What is your organization's mission? What do you do? Who do you serve?

S.A.V.E.D 4 Life Cancer Corporation (S4LCC) is a family owned and operated non-profit 501c3 charitable organization that promotes cancer awareness, early detection, screening, resources and information for cancer patients, their families and caregivers located in the New York City area.

For 23 years we have promoted cancer awareness through television, radio, community outreach, and health and video media production while providing free publicity for cancer support organizations. I believe my three times cancer survivor journey gives me a passion for my purpose. As the Founder/President of S.A.V.E.D 4 Life Cancer Corporation, and the National Cervical Cancer Coalition Bronx, NY Chapter Leader, I am honored to work with the New York State (NYS) Cancer Consortium to help break down the barriers to cancer care. We provide free faith-based cancer patient navigation, cancer life coaching, cancer resource navigation workshops and training for faith-based organizations, cancer support prayer groups, a cancer prayer line and screening information for underserved/under resourced communities. We have also provided over 400 jobs for youth and young adults along with cancer workshops for families and single mothers living in various homeless shelters in the Bronx and Harlem in collaboration with community healthcare organizations.

What collaborations have been successful to you in your work to reduce the burden of cancer?

We have collaborated with the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center & Cancer Community Advisory Board, the Honorable Reverend Daniel Dupree and the Greater Universal Baptist Church, BOLD Cancer Wellness Program at Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Faith Initiatives, community/faith advisory boards and the 410 youth and young adults hired to be a part of our Kids SAVED 4 Life Youth Media Team for New York and community cancer outreach workers. My work with the Street Corner Resources 95.5 FM radio, co-hosting Deleon Dialogue Cancer Talk Radio with over 500,000 listeners helped to provide cancer education and information.

What might you say to an individual or organization that is considering joining the NYS Cancer Consortium?

I think it is a privilege to be a member of the NYS Cancer Consortium. It is the perfect place to learn, gain resources, build partnerships, collaborate with other cancer organizations, and meet people who are committed to making a difference throughout NYS. Together we are breaking down barriers to cancer care while promoting cancer education, awareness, treatment, and early detection. I feel blessed to be a part of a Consortium that never gives up on the fight against cancer. I am proud and grateful to stand with them in remembrance of those who we have lost, those who are newly diagnosed, survivors, and their families.

Travis Thomas, Founder, President
S.A.V.E.D 4 Life Cancer Corporation

Which of your cancer-related initiatives are you most proud of?

We are proud to partner with Karen Allen, military veteran/fashion designer (Designs by Karen) to create masks and distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to cancer patients, survivors and military veterans during the COVID pandemic. We also provided cancer awareness and education activities for children with cancer and youth living in shelters. We will soon launch our On-Line Cancer Resource Center in collaboration with community-based organization's (CBO’s). We are proud of our collaboration with the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center (Columbia Presbyterian Hospital) to offer community outreach, cancer education, patient navigation and workshops for communities, ministries, temporary shelters, and food pantries. We are honored to collaborate with the Honorable Reverend Daniel Dupree (Greater Universal Baptist Church) for our monthly Living with CANCER Community Cancer discussions via zoom, conference calls and cancer talk radio. We are also proud to collaborate with the BOLD Wellness Program (Albert Einstein Cancer Center) on our Women’s Cancer Support Prayer Group, Navigating Cancer Discussions & Cancer Resources Navigation (through ministry training). We would not be able to accomplish our goals without the collaboration and support of the NYS Cancer Consortium, CBO’s, community boards and faith advisory committees.