



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our community, this year's Angel Gala was the most successful in our organization's 36-year history. Your support gives us an opportunity to invest these funds in ways that strengthen

our mission, deepen our impact, and support the long-term sustainability of our work.

Together, our Board of Directors and staff have carefully considered how best to steward these resources to benefit individuals and families impacted by cancer—now and into the future.

In addition to our comprehensive programs for patients and families, we are exploring new programming for caregivers and newly diagnosed patients, recognizing that each faces distinct emotional and practical challenges.

Additional investments from the Gala proceeds will help us retain exceptional clinicians and facilitators,

expand wellness and educational programming, increase outreach to underserved communities, and support community collaborations that include the Pasadena Unified School District and the Living Beauty Cancer Foundation.

We also believe that investing in our staff is investing in our mission. Gala proceeds will allow us to send additional team members to Cancer Support Community's national Affiliate Leadership Conference this August, where they will learn new approaches to program delivery, participant engagement, and outreach to help us reach more people impacted by cancer.

Finally, a portion of the Gala proceeds will be directed to our Board-designated Reserve to strengthen organizational stability and ensure we remain responsive to our community's growing needs for years to come. This investment helps position the organization for continued strength and sustainability as demand for our services grows. Thank you!

Stay healthy, stay happy, and stay with us,

Patricia

Patricia V. Ostiller, JD, CFRE, CEO

Can someone you know benefit from Cancer Support Community's free programs?

Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley is a safe space for all who are impacted by cancer to connect, share knowledge, and embrace hope. We walk alongside our participants and their medical team, providing evidence-based knowledge and professionally-led psychosocial emotional support and activities as a proven method to enhance medical outcomes.

We welcome patients, caregivers, survivors, families, and those experiencing loss with kindness and understanding, ensuring that our community-funded programs, activities, and services are provided to all, free of charge.

Visit cancersupportsgv.org/gettingstarted



GETTING STARTED

All program services are free of charge.

An orientation is required to participate at Cancer Support Community.

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS may be scheduled through our online calendar.

VISIT:
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A Powerful Network Advancing Cancer Care Beyond Medicine

In late May, Cancer Support Community brought together leading healthcare professionals for our Connections Open House—an inspiring evening that underscored the importance of whole-person cancer care. As part of our growing Professional Advisory Network, these trusted oncologists and medical experts help ensure that CSC's programs remain responsive to the evolving needs of cancer patients and their families.

Guests heard from Dr. Christina Poh, Director of the T Cell Lymphoma Program at City of Hope, and Dr. Ioannis Konstantinidis, Surgical Oncologist, Huntington Health, who shared exciting advances shaping the future of cancer care—including emerging therapies, and the expanding use of artificial intelligence and robotics in surgery. While these innovations hold tremendous promise, both physicians emphasized a critical truth: even the most sophisticated medical breakthroughs cannot replace the need for emotional and mental health support.

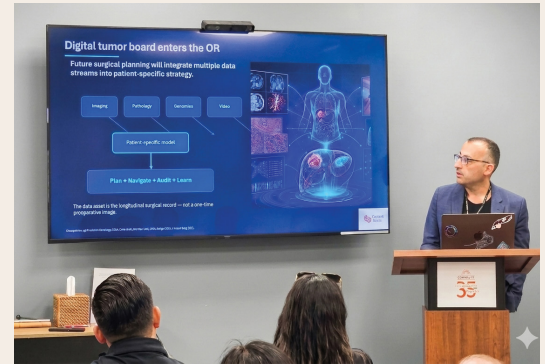
Their message strongly reinforced CSC's mission. Cancer care is not solely about treating the disease—it is about caring for the whole person. Through our 30+ weekly and monthly support groups, along with educational workshops and healthy lifestyle programs, CSC ensures that individuals and families receive the compassion, understanding, and community they need alongside medical treatment.

When clinical care meets community care, lives are strengthened in ways neither of us – physicians or Cancer Support Community – could achieve alone. Thank you to all the healthcare professionals who volunteer on our Professional Advisory Network – together we are building a comprehensive system of care.

-Anna Swift, LCSW, Program and Clinical Director



Dr. Christina Poh



Dr. Ioannis Konstantinidis

Honoring the Journey: Reframing the Narrative Around Death and Dying



This quarter, Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley hosted several educational workshops focused on topics that are often difficult to discuss: *Supporting a Loved One Through the End of Life*, *In Conversation with a Death Doula*, *Exploring End-of-Life Disposition Options*, and *Understanding the End of Life Options Act*. These programs emerged directly from participant interest, reflecting a growing desire for open, compassionate conversations around death and dying.

The workshops created space for reflection, connection, and peace around typically intimidating topics. Death

doula often speak about reframing dying not as something to fear, but as a deeply human and honorable part of life that can include acceptance, dignity, bravery, and even beauty. By talking openly about death, we can decrease isolation and fear while helping individuals and families feel more prepared practically as well as emotionally.

The response from these conversations highlights our community's need for them. Our *Exploring End-of-Life Disposition Options* workshop drew participants from CSC locations across Southern California, while our Death Doula conversation extended beyond the scheduled one hour to more than two-and-a-half hours because of the thoughtful and heartfelt discussion.

By lifting the taboo around death, we create opportunities for deeper connection, understanding, and support.

Death is a universal experience but is sometimes more isolating than it needs to be. We are proud to offer these workshops to our community so that no one faces these conversations alone.

-Isaac Yamamoto, ALMFT, Asst. Program Director

An Evening Powered by Community

This year's Angel Gala was a record-breaking success, raising an incredible \$800,000 to ensure our programs remain completely *free of charge*, while also allowing us to expand services to meet the growing needs of our community.

The magical evening honored Ellen and Harvey Knell (Lifetime Achievement), LeeAnn and Ron Havner/JCS Family Foundation (Individual Honorees), Flewelling & Moody (Corporate Partner), and Huntington Health (Hospital Partner). Heartfelt thanks to our presenting sponsors, which included the Knells, Havners, and the Mickey & Lee Segal Family Foundation. We also thank our Event Co-Chairs, committee members, volunteers, and every guest who made the night so meaningful.

Thank you to everyone who supports our special event fundraisers. Your generosity helps fuel our mission and strengthen the community we serve.

Interested in volunteering at CSC special events? Join our Guild and help make a difference in the community! Contact us for more information.

- Rachimah "Rae" Magnuson, Director of Events and Marketing



L to R: Serge Melkizian, CSC Board Chair, Ron and LeeAnn Havner, Individual Honorees, Ellen and Harvey Knell, Lifetime Achievement Honorees, Patricia Ostiller, CSC CEO



Dr. John Corman, President, Huntington Health, and Serge Melkizian, CSC Board Chair



Scott Gaudineer of Flewelling & Moody, Corporate Honoree, and Serge Melkizian, CSC Board Chair

Upcoming Events

<p>SUNDAY October 18 3-7PM</p> <p>WINE & SPIRITS</p> <p>GOURMET BITES</p> <p>SUPER SILENT AUCTION</p> <p>LIVE MUSIC</p> <p>IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES</p>	

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Cancer Support Community 2026 Benefactors Society

Earlier this year, we launched our Corporate Benefactors Society to invite local businesses and community leaders to partner with Cancer Support Community in expanding free support, education, and wellness services for individuals and families impacted by cancer. We are thrilled to share that this new initiative is already gaining meaningful momentum.

Since the launch, we have welcomed four inaugural corporate members whose generosity and community leadership are helping strengthen our mission: **Flewelling & Moody**, our founding corporate benefactor, along with **DFA Family Holdings**, **NKSFB LLC**, and the **San Marino Motor Classic**. Their investment reflects a shared commitment to supporting local families facing cancer with compassion, dignity, and hope.

For local companies, joining the Corporate Benefactors Society offers an opportunity to demonstrate meaningful corporate citizenship while aligning with a trusted Pasadena-area organization that directly serves local families.

At the same time, our longstanding individual Benefactors Society continues to grow. We are honored to welcome **Penny and Ted Clark**, along with **Les Stocker**, as new members. Each has a long and meaningful history with Cancer Support Community, and their decision to make leadership-level commitments reflects a deep belief in our mission and the families we serve.



Back Row, L to R: Ron Valenta, George Mack, Gloria Podres, Les Stocker, Brad Talt, Ted Clark, Penny Clark, Serge Melkizian (CSC Board Chair), Terry Beyer, John DeWitt, Leslie Gaudineer, Scott Gaudineer, Mickey Segal, Harvey Knell, Mark Meahl, Julia Meahl, Steve Ralph

Front Row, L to R: Dana Naples, Susie Talt, Charlotte Streng, Bonnie DeWitt, Valerie Weiss, Aaron Weiss, Melissa Alcorn, Lee Segal, Ellen Knell, and Sue Ralph

Not pictured: Rosemari Annear, Karen and Tom Capehart, LeeAnn and Ron Havner, Terri and Jerry Kohl, Shelley Allen and Bob Kohorst, Vicki Laidig, Gunde and Ernest Posey, Marcia and Elliot Sainer, Sue and Steve Silk, Ruth C. Williamson, M.D.



Connecting all who are impacted by cancer with hope, knowledge, and connection.

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