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CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY-GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY ~ ... so that no one faces cancer alone.

Honoring Those Who Inspire Us

CELEBRATION OF HOPE

Each October at our Celebration of Hope event, we get to share our appreciation for the people who inspire us with their dedication, commitment and compassion. This year, we had the pleasure once again to gather together and enjoy the wonderful food and atmosphere at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Easton, PA.

We were honored to present Don Patt, a member of the Cancer Support Community's founder's society and a steadfast supporter, with the Distinguished Philanthropy Award.

Francie DeSalvio and Susan Haytmanek-Domchek, co-chairs of the annual Boutique at the Rink event, which benefits CSC - GLV each year, received Distinguished Philanthropy Awards.

MaryAnn Chupella of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society was presented with the Distinguished Community Partner Award. MaryAnn is a dedicated partner of CSC -GLV and has partnered with us to bring 75 programs to cancer survivors and their loved ones.

We are grateful to each of our 2011 Celebration of Hope honorees for their commitment, support and service to the Cancer Support Community. And again, we send a heartfelt thanks to Carrabba's Italian Grill for generously hosting this special event.



Don Patt ~ Distinguished Philanthropy Awardee



Francie DeSalvio, Susan Haytmanek-Domchek ~ Distinguished Philanthropy Awardees and Marcie Grello ~ Executive Director of CSC-GLV

Horses Helping Kids



This fall, CSC-GLV embarked on an exciting pilot program for childhood cancer survivors. We partnered with Equi-librium, an independently affiliated nonprofit group, to offer equine-assisted services. Over the course of four weeks, the children learned to focus on confidence, independence and responsibility; foster self-control, trust and empathy; and improve balance and promote exercise and relaxation through interactions with horses. The feedback we received from both children and their parents was very positive. Our program partners at Equi-librium were wonderful to work with and we look forward to offering this program again during spring 2012.

The Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley is part of a national nonprofit organization that provides support, education and hope to people with cancer and their loved ones. Through participation in professionally led support groups, educational workshops and mind/body/spirit classes, people affected by cancer learn vital skills that enable them to regain control, reduce isolation and restore hope.



On September 10th the community gathered to celebrate our 4th annual Wings of Hope- A Butterfly Release at Cedar Crest College. More than 350 people attended this Celebration of Life that honors and remembers those in our lives that have been affected by cancer. The program, hosted by WFMZ news anchor Rob Vaughn, included activities for children, raffles and live music. People also had the opportunity to purchase die-cut butterflies in member or in honor of a loved one. Steve Dreschler, a member of the Cancer Support Community, spoke about the impact the organization has had on his life as a cancer survivor. Steve said, "My support group has been fantastic. I have never before been with a group that laughs as much. The members take turns being inspirational."

Twelve year old Jessica Ledergerber inspired the crowd with her song titled Hope, which she wrote for her younger sister Maddy, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2004. The program concluded with the release of 250 Monarch butterflies to honor the lives of all who have been affected by cancer.

Thank you to all who attended this year's event. With the help of the community, over \$25,000 was raised to benefit the support programs at Cancer Support Community Greater Lehigh Valley. We hope to see you at next year's event!



Tuesday Night Support Group



Jesse Ledergerber and Marcie Grello

Ways to give to CSC-GLV

- Volunteer in our office
- Attend an event
- Join an event committee
- Make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one
- Include us on your employer's United Way donation form
- Inquire about Planned Giving
- Ask your employer about matching gifts
- Ask us to speak at your office or community event

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100% of your donation is tax-deductible and 100% stays right here in our community!



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Letter from our Executive Director:



If you’ve stopped by or driven past the Cancer Support Community – Greater Lehigh Valley recently you might have seen a new color pop out at you. We have unveiled our brand new RED door! Thanks to the volunteer time of the staff at Prudential Patt, White Real Estate, we have a beautifully painted, red front door. As our National merger with Gilda’s Club has allowed our network of cancer support organizations to increase to almost 50, we are able to “borrow” some of the great aspects of Gilda Radnor’s legacy. If you remember, she was a talented comedienne who played a memorable “Rosanna Rosanna Dana” on Saturday Night Live, among other roles. Gilda was diagnosed with cancer in 1986, but it was found too late for effective treatment. In her memory her husband, actor Gene Wilder along with many of her friends and family founded Gilda’s Club. Each and every Gilda’s Club has a signature red door, welcoming all those affected by cancer to a place of education, connection, support, and hope. Because of your support the Lehigh Valley can also open this red door to all affected by cancer.

Best Regards,

Marcie R Grello, MPH
Executive Director



Day of Caring Volunteers from
Prudential Patt, White Real Estate

Volunteer Highlights!



The cold months & fast approaching holidays do not reduce our need for volunteers here at the Cancer Support Community - Greater Lehigh Valley, and it does not slow down the motivation of one of our newer volunteers.

Stacy Beaty, a student at Northampton Community College, learned about CSC through Professor Lee-Bond’s Biology class. Stacy has an interest in Nutrition and was hoping that CSC’s Healthy Cooking class would be a good fit for her to complete her 15 hour service learning project for Professor Lee-Bond’s class.

As it turns out, Stacy loved September’s Healthy Cooking program. “The cooking class was awesome,” she said. “I had such a great time. Everyone there was just amazing. I can’t wait until the next one.” We love that Stacy enjoyed her time. As a volunteer at future Healthy Cooking programs, Stacy will be able to help the instructor in all aspects of the program. This reflects one of our goals for recruiting volunteers who work with us here at CSC. We want any and all volunteers who come through our doors to feel that they fit and are comfortable in their volunteer positions. It is important to us that the volunteer experience here at CSC is comfortable and rewarding, and that our volunteers enjoy their time with us just as much as we appreciate and enjoy them.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

- ☐ **15th Annual Charles B. Patt Golf Tournament - May 30th**
Each year Patt, White Real Estate generously coordinates this event, with proceeds helping to provide free programs of support, education and hope for those affected by cancer in our community. The event takes place at the Woodstone Golf Club in Danielsville, PA. Sponsors and golfers are needed. Proceeds benefit the Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley.
- ☐ **Boutique at the Rink - May 2nd- 19th** (Donation Drop Off)
May 31st - June 2nd (Sale Days)
The Boutique at the Rink is a sale of gently used clothing and household items. The proceeds from this event are split between St. Luke’s Cancer Center, St. Luke’s Hospice, and Cancer Support Community.
- ☐ **Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community - June 2nd**
The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is a fundraiser that benefits 24 local nonprofit health and human service agencies in the Lehigh Valley, including the Cancer Support Community.
- ☐ **Strides for Hope - April 29th**
The Strides for Hope team includes novice and seasoned runners and walkers who commit to train for a 5K or half marathon event and raise at least \$500 each for the Cancer Support Community. With participation, each runner is offered free training by an expert running instructor.

Visit our website for a current list of events www.CancerSupportGLV.org

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Welcome Dianne



The Cancer Support Community is pleased to welcome our new staff member, Dianne Moody. Dianne joined us in September as our Development Director and will direct our fundraising efforts so that the Cancer Support Community can continue to offer free programs and services to cancer survivors, their caregivers and their loved ones.

A native of New England, Dianne comes to CSC-GLV from Boston, where she worked for Forrester Research, Harvard Business School and the Boston Public Health Commission. Locally, Dianne has worked with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Touchstone Theatre and the Allentown Rescue Mission. Dianne also serves as Vice President of Communications for the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS!

The following is a list of contributions - \$500 and greater - received between June 2011 and October 2011. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to provide free programs of cancer support, education and hope.

Donations In-Kind

Carrabba’s Italian Grill - Easton
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Report from the Program Director

In one of our recent weekly support groups, a caregiver thanked his fellow group members for the helpful feedback he received during his first meeting. Even after just one program, he felt supported, validated, and encouraged. Discussions like this give us a warm appreciation for our members’ wisdom!

- **We see it** in action during our Healthy Cooking classes when members tell others where they can find the ingredients an instructor has mixed into a tasty new creation.
- **We hear it** in our education seminars when a thoughtful question is asked about new research that is being done on a prospective treatment.
- **We feel it** in our stress reduction classes where people share with someone who’s been newly diagnosed about how much these classes have helped them relax.

This is what inspires new members and motivates staff and volunteers to continue reaching people affected by cancer through our program offerings.

Because of our childhood cancer support campaign and collaborations with other community organizations, we have been able to offer several new innovative programs for children, young adults, and adults with cancer:

- Childhood Cancer Survivor Day was celebrated with twenty-two families, providing information, games, food and entertainment!
- A horseback riding series for children with cancer was a great success. (More info on the front page)
- A Young Adult Monthly Support Group was kicked off at Braveheart Highland Pub’s banquet room in Hellertown, through the collaboration of CSC-GLV and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). This provides a private, comfortable setting for young survivors to share their unique concerns.
- We held our first-time program at Reading Hospital titled “Frankly Speaking About: Cost of Care,” through another collaboration of CSC-GLV and LLS. We look forward to bringing more programs to our new friends and colleagues in Berks County.

We are working hard to expand and share our message of hope and support to others across our serving area. Thank you to all of our staff, volunteers, community partners, and members of our programs for helping to make this happen.

Jen Sinclair, M.Ed., LPC
Program Director

