

## Cancer Support Community

The Cancer Support Community is an international non-profit dedicated to providing support, education and hope to people affected by cancer. Backed by evidence that the best cancer care includes emotional and social support, the Cancer Support Community offers these services to all people affected by cancer. Likely the largest professionally-led network of cancer support worldwide, the organization delivers a comprehensive menu of personalized and essential services. Because no cancer care plan is complete without emotional and social support, the Cancer Support Community has a vibrant network of community-based centers and online services run by trained and licensed professionals.

### Building on a Foundation of Quality Cancer Support

In July 2009, The Wellness Community and Gilda's Club Worldwide joined forces to become the Cancer Support Community. By helping to complete the cancer care plan, the Cancer Support Community continues to optimize patient care by providing essential, but often overlooked, services including support groups, counseling, education and healthy lifestyle programs.

Today, the Cancer Support Community provides the highest quality emotional and social support through a network of nearly 50 local affiliates, more than 100 satellite locations and online. To find a community-based center in your area, [visit www.cancersupportcommunity.org](http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org).

### A Message from Kim Thiboldeaux, President & CEO

More than 12 million cancer survivors are living in the United States today. About 1.5 million people will be diagnosed with cancer this year. Odds are, you or someone you know has been impacted by cancer. At the Cancer Support Community, we understand how cancer affects both millions of people, and just one: you. If those numbers look big, think about this: Even more people—the families and friends of those with cancer—are also faced with the impact of the disease every year. That's because cancer doesn't just affect the people who are diagnosed with the disease. It also changes the lives of their loved ones.

Today, more people are living with—and fewer are dying from—cancer than ever before. With rapid advances in screening and treatment technologies, cancer is becoming more of a chronic condition than a terminal illness. This is why the Cancer Support Community's programs are so vital: Research continues to show that social and emotional support are critical components of complete cancer care. The Cancer Support Community provides people with the skills and resources they need to play an active role in their cancer care and to optimize the quality of their lives. Through a network of more than fifty affiliate locations and online, we provide this kind of support to everyone who is affected by the disease—not only cancer patients, but also their family and friends, so that no one has to face cancer alone.

The Cancer Support Community is proud to partner with the Entertainment Industry Foundation as a beneficiary of Lee National Denim Day. We look forward to continued work with our network of affiliates and partners to advance our mission: ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.

~ Kim Thiboldeaux, President and CEO