

# 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY VALLEY / VENTURA / SANTA BARBARA

*We served over 2,300 cancer patients and their families in 2017.*

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES



78

Educational Programs



786

Support Group Sessions  
(101 bilingual)



777

Exercise &  
Mind / Body Classes



393

Counseling Sessions  
(306 bilingual)

## RESULTS



**When surveyed, participants in our programs and services experienced overwhelmingly positive outcomes:**

91% Felt more connected

88% Felt less alone

85% Felt more hopeful

82% Experienced better quality of life

*“The minute I walked in I felt safe and free to express myself. My weekly support groups were a lifesaver – the sharing, learning, laughing, crying was all real.”*

**GAIL CRAWFORD, BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR**



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

## 2017: A Transformative Year for Cancer Support Community Valley / Ventura / Santa Barbara

On behalf of the Board of Directors at Cancer Support Community Valley / Ventura / Santa Barbara (CSCVVS), thank you for making a true and lasting difference in the lives of every person who walked through our doors in 2017. Because of your partnership, cancer patients and their families—often scared, angry, lost and confused—were sustained by the community of support they found here. I know first-hand what a difference the support made for my husband when he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor at the age of 44 in 2003. Mark was told he would live two years; instead he lived eight. He found something at CSCVVS that medicine could not provide: he found hope. We are forever indebted to CSCVVS for giving us those six extra years with Mark.

2017 was a year of positive change for Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara. I am honored to serve with the 19 energetic men and women who

comprise our Board of Directors, who bring their passion, resources and talents to the table. Together with our dedicated staff, we ensure that every gift is stewarded wisely, makes a difference, and is received with gratitude!

Please come visit us. Consider volunteering at our office, an event, or a health fair. Like us on social media. Enjoy our events. Join our Legacy of Hope Society by remembering us in your estate plan. Make a donation before year end. Most importantly, spread the word about CSCVVS so that no one faces cancer alone.



Sincerely,

Andrea Roschke  
Board Chair

“The Kids Circle Support Group has taught me that there are many other kids suffering and that we need one another.” **BERTHA, KIDS CIRCLE OXNARD MEMBER**

## WHO WE SERVE



2,317

People served in 2017



522

Spanish speakers



410

Kids and teens

*Our mission is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.*



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