

LOCAL CANCER SUPPORT ADVOCATES COMPLETE NONPROFIT BOARD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

LEADERSHIP TEAM FROM CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY DEDICATED SIX MONTHS TO HONING SKILLS IN ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara board members Phil Dipaola, MBA, LMFT, Andrea Roschke, CPA and John Ray, CDMP completed the Board Leadership Institute at CLU.

THOUSAND OAKS, C.A. July 20, 2018 — In 2016, there were an estimated 15.5 million cancer survivors in the U.S., and this number is expected to increase to 20.3 million by 2026, according to the National Cancer Institute. In 2018, an estimated 1.7 million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S.

The Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara (CSCVVS) is committed to ensuring that local cancer survivors and their loved ones don't face the disease alone. Headquartered in Westlake Village and serving West San Fernando Valley and Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, CSCVVS has been offering free cancer support programs for more than 27 years.

In their continued effort to serve local cancer patients and their families, a leadership team from the CSCVVS Board of Directors recently completed the Board Leadership Institute, a program of California Lutheran University's Center for Nonprofit Leadership.

Receiving their certificates of completion on June 28 were Board Chair Andrea Roschke, CPA, President/Principal at Roschke & Wall Business Advisors & CPAs; Board Vice-Chair Phil Dipaola, MBA, LMFT, a Marriage and Family Therapist and cancer survivor; and John Ray, CDMP, CEO and Co-Founder of C.I. Partners Direct, Inc. and a cancer survivor.



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The Board Leadership Institute is a series of six half-day interactive workshops for teams of board and staff leaders from select Ventura County organizations ready to move to the next level of development. Participants in the Institute worked together as a team on key goals as they learned from experts in the nonprofit field, gaining deeper skills and understanding to improve board governance practices including fiduciary oversight, communications, fundraising, strategic planning, and board development.

"Cancer affects so many people, and every member of the Board of Directors has a compelling reason for wanting to fight against this disease," said Andrea Roschke. "The Board Leadership Institute provided valuable tools to help us continue to provide life-changing support programs to people facing cancer in our community."

The Center for Nonprofit Leadership is the only management training center of its kind in Ventura County. Founded in 1991, CNL has earned a reputation as the one-stop source for excellence in nonprofit training. Since 2016, the center has been housed at California Lutheran University.

"A strong board of directors is one of the most important features of any nonprofit organization. We applaud these nine organizations for their commitment to this important process, particularly in light of the many demands for their time and attention. We hope their leadership successes will inspire others to do the same," said Dena Jenson, Director of the Center for Nonprofit Leadership.

For more information about the Center for Nonprofit Leadership, please visit www.callutheran.edu/cnl. To learn more about Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara, please visit www.cancersupportvvsb.org.

About Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara

Celebrating more than two decades of providing support, education and hope to people fighting cancer, the Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara, formerly The Wellness Community Valley/Ventura, is an independently governed and funded non-profit and an affiliate of the Cancer Support Community. CSCVSB serves more than 3,000 adults, children and teens affected by cancer each year with programs throughout Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, and West San Fernando Valley. Programs are offered in English and Spanish and are all provided free of charge.

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