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Cancer Support Community Celebrates 30th Anniversary
Serving San Fernando Valley, Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties

Westlake Village: Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara (CSCVVSb) announced this year marks the local affiliate’s 30th anniversary since the first cancer patient was served in our community in 1991. This milestone is significant to CSCVVSb for its mission to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and supported by community. All programs are provided AT NO CHARGE thanks to the generosity of corporations, foundations, and individuals who support their mission.

Co-founded in 1991 by local residents Beth Kin, RN, MS, OCN and Marty Nason, RN, MN, the grassroots effort initially provided support for 130 participants in their first month of operation. Throughout 2020, CSCVVSb hosted approximately 20 educational workshops, 600 support group sessions, 250 healthy lifestyle classes and 600 individual support sessions. CSCVVSb served 2,000 people living with cancer, their caregivers, friends and family. Both Beth and Marty have remained involved in the organization. Beth serves as Board Secretary and Marty as a support group facilitator.

“Cancer will always be with us,” Kin stated. “There will always be participants to serve. We need the community’s continued support so that services will be available to our children and our children’s children.”

Nason added, “When I hear someone expressing how much participating at the Cancer Support Community has ‘saved’ their life, I see the love offered as newcomers are welcomed into groups, and how participating transforms them from victim to victor, and I am profoundly touched. It is an honor to witness the testimony of the human spirit.”

To learn more about the year-long 30th anniversary celebration, click here:
<https://www.cancersupportvvsb.org/30th-anniversary/>

About Cancer Support Community – Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara - Celebrating 30 years of providing support, education and hope to people fighting cancer, the Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara is an independently governed and funded non-profit, and an affiliate of the Cancer Support Community. The local affiliate is dedicated to helping residents with cancer and their loved ones enhance their health and well-being through professionally led support groups, educational workshops, nutrition and exercise programs, and mind/body connection classes. People affected by cancer learn vital skills that enable them to regain control, reduce isolation and restore hope, regardless of the stage of their cancer.