

ABOUT US

Since 1998, Cancer Support Community Arizona's programs have been designed to help ease the burden of the cancer journey for cancer patients and their loved ones. Our bilingual programs include support groups, healthy lifestyle programs, education presentations, social connections, and resource navigators who connect newly diagnosed cancer patients and their families to resources. Our programs are always provided at no cost, open to anyone impacted by cancer, based on research, and led by professionals, virtual and in person, offered throughout Arizona.

OUR MISSION: Cancer Support Community Arizona uplifts and strengthens people impacted by cancer by providing support, fostering compassionate communities, and breaking down barriers to care.

SUPPORT FUTURE GENERATIONS THROUGH OUR LEGACY OF HOPE SOCIETY

Including Cancer Support Community Arizona (CSCAZ) in your estate plans is a meaningful way to support families affected by cancer. By designating CSCAZ in your will, trust, life insurance, or other assets, you help sustain vital programs and services for those in need.

The **Legacy of Hope Society** honors individuals who make these planned gifts, ensuring a stable financial future for CSCAZ. Your generosity ensures that CSCAZ can continue providing critical support to the Arizona cancer community for years to come.

Please consult with your attorney or financial advisor. CSCAZ's Employer Identification Number is 86-0897810.

CSCAZ IS A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT ORGANIZATION

When you donate to Cancer Support Community Arizona, your gift is eligible for a dollar-for-dollar credit on your 2024 Arizona state income taxes, up to \$470 for those filing as an individual and up to \$938 for those filing jointly. QCO code 20821.

"It's rare to have this kind of support in my language and I wish more people knew about it."

-Jose, CSCAZ Participant



Cancer Support Community Arizona has a platinum Guidestar rating, which recognizes our commitment to financial transparency and integrity.



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IMPACT REPORT 2023

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of the progress Cancer Support Community Arizona (CSCAZ) has made in supporting individuals impacted by cancer. This year has been marked by innovation, adaptation, and resilience, bringing us closer to our vision of ensuring everyone affected by cancer has the support they want and need throughout their journey.

Key accomplishments include:

- **Increasing Awareness:** We invested in public relations and marketing efforts to raise awareness about our free programs. In the past six months, CSCAZ has been featured on prominent platforms such as Arizona's Family 3TV/CBS 5, 12News, FOX 10 Phoenix, Telemundo, and 102.5 KNIX Radio, among others.
- **Enhancing Program Impact:** We actively listened to our program participants, who expressed a desire for more in-person programs at convenient times. In response, we launched the "Rise and Recharge" full-day monthly Saturday programs, designed to better meet their needs.
- **Fostering a Culture of Care:** We are committed to creating an environment where all program participants, staff, and volunteers feel valued and supported. Our goal is to make CSCAZ a place everyone loves to be.
- **Ensuring Financial Stability:** We implemented creative fundraising strategies, including a VIP Taylor Swift Concert Raffle, a Goodwill donation drive, and a Cinnamon Roll bake sale, to maintain our financial health.

These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our talented staff and volunteers, whose unwavering commitment to our mission drives our success.

Achievements always come with challenges, and in 2023, economic uncertainty and inflation made securing consistent funding more difficult, while costs continued to rise. Unfortunately, the number of cancer diagnoses is increasing, with a noticeable rise in cases among younger individuals. This makes your ongoing support more important than ever, so that together, we can continue to help the thousands of Arizonans and their families navigating the cancer journey.

Thanks to you, no one has to face cancer alone.



Julie Dunnigan
Julie Dunnigan
CEO



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Conrad Kockerbeck, Chair,
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"I felt so seen and understood. The volunteers and staff cultivate this caring environment, and the participants really show up! I have met people from all walks of life and difficulties, yet they care how I am doing and what's going on with me. It is just such an amazing community that I'm very grateful for."

- Amber, support group participant

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COMMUNITY IMPACT 2023

PROGRAM IMPACT



1,865

INDIVIDUALS SERVED



16,031

TOTAL INTERACTIONS,
INCLUDING



3,861

REFERRALS TO RESOURCES



\$30,443

DIRECT ASSISTANCE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

3,554

PROGRAMS OFFERED, INCLUDING:



SUPPORT GROUPS



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE
PROGRAMS



RESOURCES & REFERRALS



SOCIAL CONNECTIONS



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

THANK YOU TO OUR

SUPPORTERS AND DONORS

CSCAZ gratefully acknowledges the individuals, organizations, corporations, foundations and governmental agencies who have supported our mission with charitable donations.

RESOURCE NAVIGATION & DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Going through a cancer journey can bring financial hardship to patients and their families, often impacting their ability to maintain stability during their time of need. At Cancer Support Community Arizona, our Resource Navigation and Direct Assistance Fund programs ensure that our participants can continue receiving the treatment they need by referring them to community resources, CSCAZ programs, and helping fund necessities like gas, groceries, and utility bills. In 2023, our team distributed **\$30,443** in direct assistance funds to **27** families going through cancer treatment with an annual income below \$25,000.



ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY



761

VOLUNTEERS



44

OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS
AND EVENTS



11,787

VOLUNTEER HOURS



140

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS

7

CORPORATE VOLUNTEER EVENTS

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LATINO PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Expanded programming including in-person workshops and Cafecito, a dedicated support group for Spanish speakers
- Increased presence in the local media including open houses, radio, and tv appearances to spread awareness about Latino programs and services
- Established a training program for Promotoras led by our resource navigation team focusing on caring for people impacted by cancer

PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS

99%

SAID OUR PROGRAMS
HELPED THEM IN
THEIR CANCER
JOURNEY

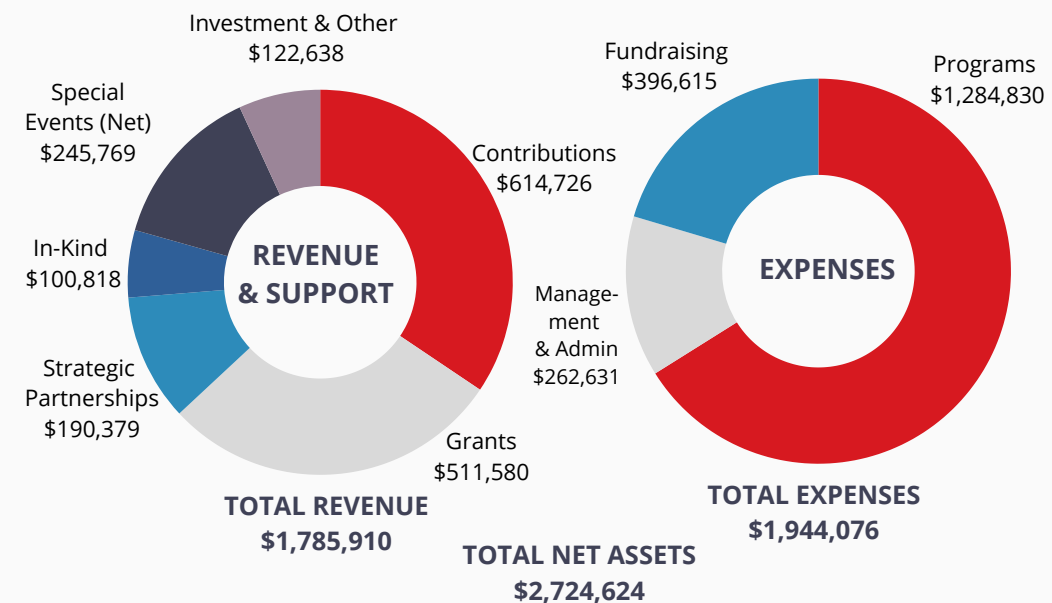
98%

WOULD
RECOMMEND US TO
THEIR PEERS

68%

DEVELOPED NEW
FRIENDSHIPS OR
CONNECTIONS THEY
KEPT OUTSIDE OF CSCAZ

AUDITED FINANCIALS



We relaunched our popular **Homecoming Dance for Teens**, part of our Youth, Teen & Family Program that serves teens who are cancer survivors or have a parent or family member going through a cancer journey.

PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS



- Launched a pilot program for 1:1 counseling
- Established a weekly presence on the Navajo Reservation in Tuba City at their Specialty Care Center
- Built community partnerships with Valleywise Health, Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, HonorHealth, the Arizona Cancer Coalition, Northern Arizona University, and NAU/UA Native American Cancer Prevention teams, The Arizona Cancer Coalition, Mayo Clinic, Coalition of Blacks Against Cancer, and many more!

"CSC gives us the space to feel validated in our experiences and our feelings. I am so, so grateful to have found this group and the CSC community. I truly cannot imagine having gone through my diagnosis and active treatment without having CSC in Flagstaff"

Becky, CSCAZ Participant

RISE & RECHARGE

This year, we introduced Rise & Recharge, a monthly event featuring various programs on campus, allowing participants to experience multiple offerings in a single day. Rise & Recharge has led to an increase in on-campus visits and provides a great opportunity for newcomers to explore everything we offer at CSCAZ.



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