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CancerLINC is a Richmond non-profit that 'LINC's cancer patients and their families to legal, financial, and community resources to solve the non-medical obstacles that arise with a cancer diagnosis.

*No one should have to face cancer alone.*

## ***The LINC – Pro Bono Lawyer and Patient***



Heidi B., CancerLINC Client

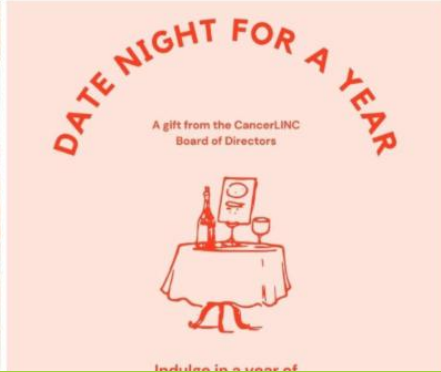


Joanna Suyes, Attorney for Heidi's Case  
Jimmy Ogle, Husband and Paralegal for Heidi's Case

After facing multiple cancer surgeries, Heidi B. was overwhelmed by the financial strain of her diagnosis and the complexities of applying for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). **Thanks to CancerLINC**, she was connected with pro bono attorney Joanna Suyes, who guided her through the application process and helped her secure the benefits she urgently needed. Read Heidi's full story and learn how CancerLINC provides vital legal and financial assistance to cancer patients.

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## ***Get Ready to Pack Your Bags for a CancerLINC Luau!***



## Going Once, Going Twice... Aloha!

For the first time ever, we're thrilled to auction off an **unforgettable trip to Hawaii** at this year's event! Back by popular demand, guest favorites like **"Date Night for a Year"** and a coveted designer bag donated by **Sarah Jessica Parker** will also be up for grabs. Golf lovers can tee off with a package of rounds of golf around the region, **including at Congressional Country Club in Potomac, MD**. For those looking for a unique adventure, our **"Shoot & Sip"** package in Hanover County offers the perfect mix of sport and spirits.

Get ready to bid big—you'll want to win one of 11 amazing Live Auction experiences!

## Save the Date!

Experience tropical vibes at **Pack Your Bags - Hawaii, A CancerLINC Luau** signature fundraiser on **April 17th at 6 PM** at the **Virginia Museum of History & Culture**. Bid on luxury items, enjoy island-inspired cuisine, and support cancer patients and their families in the Greater Richmond area.



Tickets

## Mahalo, to Our Early "Pack Your Bags" Sponsors



As we gear up for this year's Pack Your Bags event, we want to send a huge mahalo (thank you) to our incredible early sponsors who have already stepped up to support CancerLINC! Just like the gentle ocean breeze and the spirit of aloha, their generosity makes a meaningful impact, helping cancer patients navigate their legal and financial challenges with ease.

With this year's Hawaiian-inspired theme, our sponsors are truly bringing the island vibes by ensuring this event is a success. From helping us create an unforgettable evening to supporting our mission, we couldn't do it without them. We are so grateful for their partnership and commitment!

Want to join this amazing group of supporters? There's still time to become a sponsor and make waves for a great cause!

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## ***Stronger Together: Celebrating CancerLINC's Community of Support***

### **Welcoming Chesapeake Bank to the CancerLINC Community**

We are thrilled to welcome **Chesapeake Bank** as a new community partner! Their commitment to supporting cancer patients



goes beyond banking—through their pro bono financial planners, they are helping CancerLINC clients navigate the financial challenges that come with a cancer diagnosis. From budgeting to long-term financial planning, their expertise is making a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

We are so grateful for their partnership and look forward to working together to provide even more support to our community. Thank you, Chesapeake Bank, for making a difference!

## Partners in Support & Healing

### Duelo Latino and Good Doctors Foundation

Facing a serious illness can feel overwhelming, but the right support makes all the difference. This month, we're spotlighting two incredible community partners—***Duelo Latino***, Virginia's first bilingual Spanish-English grief group, and ***Good Doctors Foundation***, a nonprofit helping families ease the financial burden of chronic illness. From emotional healing to financial relief, these organizations are making a real impact in Central Virginia. Read more about how they're changing lives and offering hope!



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## ***CancerLINC In Action!***

### **Behind the Scenes with CancerLINC**



Our Executive Director, Julianne Duvall and Advancement Officer for Events and Communications, Jordan Dey, recently had the incredible opportunity to sit down with Fox Richmond to talk about all things CancerLINC! During the segment, we shared our mission of providing legal, financial, and community support to cancer patients and their families. CancerLINC understands that everyone has a cancer story and believes no one should face cancer alone.

We also highlighted our highly anticipated Pack Your Bags - Hawaii, A CancerLINC Luau event, giving viewers a sneak peek at some of the amazing auction items up for grabs this year. Stay tuned for our segment airing soon, and don't forget to join us on April 17th at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture for an unforgettable evening!

## CancerLINC Attends the Triage Cancer Conference

This month, two of our Client Services staff members attended the Triage Cancer Conference to gain valuable insights on navigating medical bills and accessing financial assistance. The financial burden of healthcare is a growing crisis:

- **50% of adults can't cover an unexpected \$500 healthcare bill.**
- **63% of cancer patients cut back on essentials like food and clothing due to treatment costs.**
- **4 in 10 individuals have medical debt, with women more likely to be affected.**

CancerLINC is prepared to guide patients through financial challenges and connect them to resources to ease the burden of a cancer diagnosis.

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