



Gratitude **REPORT**

Fiscal Year 2026



No one should have to face cancer alone.

1996 - 2026



CancerLINC was founded in 1996 by two local attorneys Ann Hodges and Phyllis Katz (both survivors of cancer) when they realized the need existed to help patients experiencing non-medical issues related to cancer diagnoses and treatment.



Our Mission

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.



Our Vision

We envision a community where every patient with cancer gets the support they need.



How We Help

CancerLINC services are always free. The professional services provided by our pro bono attorneys and legal advisors are also free of charge to patients who live below the Federally-defined HUD poverty level.

What's INSIDE

In this year's Gratitude Report, we reflect on the powerful moments made possible through your support. From critical legal aid to uplifting community events, each page tells a story of hope, resilience, and the belief that no one should have to face cancer alone.



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A Letter of Gratitude from CancerLINC Leadership

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year marks a milestone for CancerLINC: our 30th anniversary. What began in 1996 as a groundbreaking idea born from two lawyers' own cancer journeys has grown into Central Virginia's trusted resource for the legal, financial, and practical challenges that follow a cancer diagnosis. Our scope of service is unique; to our knowledge, no other organization in the nation provides comprehensive non-medical support for cancer patients. None of it would have been possible without you.

Whether you've volunteered your time and expertise, made a gift, referred a patient, or simply shared our story with someone who needed to hear it, you are the reason CancerLINC can meet patients exactly where they are. This past year, we again stood alongside hundreds of clients through almost a thousand complex legal, financial, and daily-life matters, each representing a person and a family navigating one of the hardest seasons of their lives.

As we celebrate three decades of service, we are also looking ahead. In October 2024, our Board of Directors approved a bold strategic vision. By 2030, CancerLINC will be a recognized household name and model program for connecting cancer patients — regardless of economic circumstance — to the non-medical support they need, throughout the greater Richmond region and beyond. We are acting on that vision: building staff capacity to reach underserved communities such as Petersburg, Southside Richmond, and the Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula, deepening our position as the "first call" for social workers and oncology nurses, and exploring how to bring the CancerLINC model to new regions.

We are also rethinking when we show up for patients. Our service delivery model has been responsive. We hear from a family after a crisis has already hit. Now, we are exploring how to embed legal and financial screening as a normal part of the cancer diagnosis and treatment journey itself, so problems can be caught and addressed before they escalate. That shift toward earlier, more proactive support is already taking shape through pilot programs with clinic partners, and it will inform how we plan to grow in the years ahead.

Thank you for walking this journey with us for 30 years. We look forward to honoring our founders, our partners, and our community at this milestone, and to the next chapter of ensuring that no one has to face cancer alone.

With deepest appreciation,



Julianne
Julianne Duvall,
Executive Director



Kevin Keogh
Kevin Keogh,
President of the Board of Directors



ONE LINK AT A TIME

30 years in, a Richmond nonprofit helps cancer patients navigate legal and financial challenges **BY KEVIN JOHNSON**

After a cancer diagnosis, paperwork? How will I pay rent? When should I make a will? Where should I start?"

Like a tumbling row of dominoes, these problems quickly become roadblocks on the path to progress. Ann Hodges and Phyllis Katz know this well; the employment lawyers — the former a professor at the University of Richmond School of Law and the latter the director of the state's Department of Employee Relations — both went through cancer treatments and heard such questions from fellow patients. The two met in the early 1990s, connected by their careers and medical journeys, and Katz, with Hodges' help, identified a missing support system for Richmond's cancer community.

After hosting a conference at the law school in 1996 about the nonmedical issues cancer patients face, Katz and Hodges launched the Legal Information Network for Cancer (now called CancerLINC), a first-of-its-kind nonprofit — now in its 30th year — that connects patients from Central, Eastern and Southside Virginia with volunteer lawyers and financial advisers to tackle unexpected questions. "To me, it was just this great idea of a way I could take something negative that happened to me and try to turn it into something positive and to help other folks who are dealing with those issues," Hodges says.

Legal and financial advice for patients remains a crucial but oft-forgotten resource as medical expenses rise, insurance coverage shrinks, and housing and employment insecurity intensifies in the United States. Now,

with three decades of patient advocacy behind them, CancerLINC's leaders are preparing for a future with an ever greater need for their services.

A TEAM EFFORT

"Everybody's got a cancer story, whether it's their own [or] a parent, a sibling, a child, somebody in that close circle ... you know how disruptive it is to a life," says Julianne Duvall, CancerLINC's executive director. She joined the organization in May 2024, coming to the role with personal and professional experience as a cancer survivor and a nonprofit leader. "When you first introduce the idea of cancer, people are like 'Gosh, I've never really thought about those legal and financial issues.' And the minute you start talking about those, you start talking about employment and housing, medical bills and insurance, and public benefit denials. It's overwhelming," Duvall says.

More than 200 attorneys and financial planners in the Richmond region volunteer to work with patients and their families to tackle tasks that often arise after a cancer diagnosis, including drafting wills, establishing power of attorney, collecting disability benefits and more.

"A lot of times there are administrative things, paperwork that just doesn't get done, and people get kind of caught in a bunch of red tape," says Colin McCarthy, a health care regulatory attorney with Kaufman & Canoles and a CancerLINC volunteer for 10 years.

CancerLINC also relies on frontline medical professionals, including doctors, nurses, social workers and other hospital staff, to connect patients with the organization. Bon Secours, HCA Healthcare, Virginia Cancer Institute, VCU Health and the Richmond VA Medical Center all partner directly with CancerLINC to turn patients into clients.

VCU Health works with nonprofits


CancerLINC
executive
director
Julianne
Duvall
(center) with
co-founders
Ann Hodges
(left) and
Phyllis Katz

JAY PAUL



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ANN HODGES,
CO-FOUNDER, CANCERLINC

such as CancerLINC through a medical-legal partnership, one of only five in the state, acting as an in-house legal advocate to proactively refer new cases to the organization.

"I didn't know about medical-legal partnerships when I had the idea, and it turned out that there may have been only one or two in the country at that time," Katz says. "It became a model, if you will, for medical legal partnerships, particularly those dealing with cancer." Since its early days, CancerLINC's net-

work of experts has helped with common problems, but their strong suit has been reacting to the unexpected. "When we started, of course there were things that came up that we hadn't even thought of,"

Hodges says. "One case I remember was somebody who called and said, 'My husband has cancer. He's dying. He has two weeks to live, and the IRS is trying to audit us, and all I want is to put off the audit until after my husband dies,'" she says. "I just picked up the phone and called the IRS and explained who I was, that I was with [CancerLINC] and that this woman's husband really was dying, and they canceled the audit. ... For me, it was a phone call, but for her, it was like a miracle."

Duvall views those unique cases as a testament to volunteers' efforts. "Our work is very human," she says. "We're not giving away anything other than our time and expertise and care."

Hackney was an early advocate for VCU Health's medical-legal partnership, through which she learned about CancerLINC; she later held a seat on the non-profit's board of directors. She considers the problems CancerLINC addresses to be immediately impactful to a patient's quality of life in treatment.

"You know, we've seen people start care and then drop out because they couldn't get transportation, or they were not able to make money to support their family during treatment," Hackney says. "A lot of people don't necessarily see what [CancerLINC] can do to link preventing an eviction or getting your power turned on to your health. Sometimes you're working so hard to just keep a roof over your head, you forget about how others can help you with that."

McCarthy notes that as research on social determinants of health advances, CancerLINC and similar organizations could benefit from the increased acceptance from government agencies and health care providers.

"In my experience, health care providers understand that those social determinants of health are really important and can lead to better outcomes when people have stability; they're already dealing with a diagnosis and trying to put all their effort towards fighting physically and mentally," McCarthy says. "But if you can take some of those other pressures off of people, they'll do better in treatment."

CONSIDERED CARE

CancerLINC's growth coincided with the health care industry's increasing adoption of the social determinants of health — nonmedical factors such as living conditions, wealth, employment and more that have a direct impact on public well-being. "Our integrative medicine program, which I've been involved in building, includes things like financial and legal support, exercise, stress management, nutrition, and all the other things that are affected while you're getting cancer care," says Dr. Mary Helen Hackney, an oncologist with VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center.

CHAIN REACTION

Services for cancer patients form a wide-reaching network in the Richmond region; here's a sampling of resources and organizations:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT

CancerRetreat Centers' 2024 restoration of Blanton House in Richmond's Byrd Park transformed the historic home into a resort-like destination for support groups and individuals with cancer. cancerretreatcenters.org



FOOD SUPPORT

Colorectal cancer patients and survivors living in the Richmond area can receive a Healing Belly Basket from nonprofit **Hitting Cancer Below the Belt**. The baskets are full of gut-friendly foods and resources for restoring the gut microbiome. hcb2.org



SURVIVORSHIP SUPPORT

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is a free fitness-focused community program designed to help cancer survivors improve strength and wellness. Instructors lead workouts and supportive conversations over 12 weeks. ymcacva.org



MONETARY SUPPORT

The Hawthorne Cancer Foundation's Weersing Family Grant Fund delivers funds for nonmedical purposes to qualified individuals who are currently undergoing cancer treatment in the Richmond metropolitan region. thehawthorne.org





Despite growing recognition of their benefits, legal and financial nonprofits for cancer patients at the local level remain rare; Duvall, Hackney and others attribute CancerLINC's longevity in part to the support shown by Richmond's community of cancer advocates, nonprofits, hospitals and more.

"It's very much the case that we're all here to help a cancer patient," Duvall says, "and if one can't, another will, or we'll work together, and that's been an amazing gift."

FACING THE TWISTS AND TURNS

Three decades after Katz and Hodges' diagnoses, patients' needs and questions haven't changed significantly, but the stakes have. From 1996 to 2023, medical spending in the United States rose 160%, from \$1.87 trillion to \$4.87 trillion, while out-of-pocket costs per capita increased 60%, according to health policy research

firm KFF. In that same period, housing costs for buyers and renters have risen sharply while wage growth has stagnated for 90% of earners.

A new wave of federal cuts to Medicare totaling an estimated \$500 billion over the next decade, expired Affordable Care Act subsidies and reduced federal contributions to Medicaid could drive a surge in demand for CancerLINC's services.

"I've seen an uptick in the number of referrals coming from CancerLINC, which is partially driven by ... people that are just getting caught in the middle between insurance companies and changes in Medicare and Medicaid," McCarthy says. "I expect it's going to continue. I don't see any signs that that's ever going to go away."

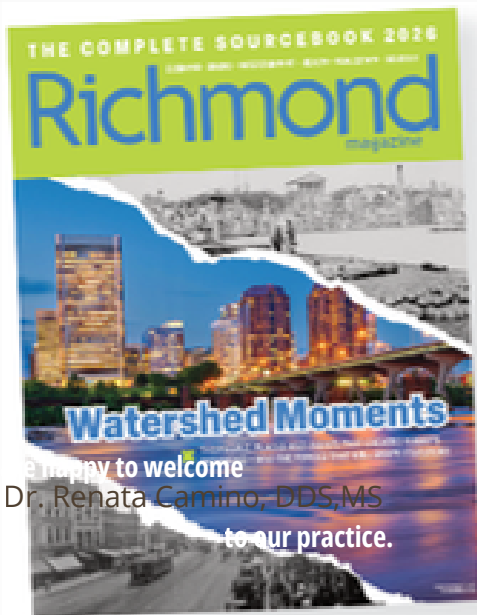
This year, Duvall and the CancerLINC team plan to recruit additional volunteers to combat the expected increase in need, strengthen relationships with

health care companies and focus on shifting their interventions earlier in patients' cancer journeys to address problems before they arise.

"Everything we do is in response, typically, to a crisis. That's why we get a referral. People are at the end of the road," Duvall says. "If we're more proactive, if we can embed that as sort of a normal part of the cancer diagnosis and treatment journey, we can increase positive outcomes for patients so that they're not having to choose medicine over food or food over medicine."

Even facing a future full of twists and turns, Duvall sees every challenge as a chance to improve the lives of cancer patients in the region.

"One of our goals is really to become a household name among the entire cancer community," Duvall says. "The more people know that we're here, the more we can help."



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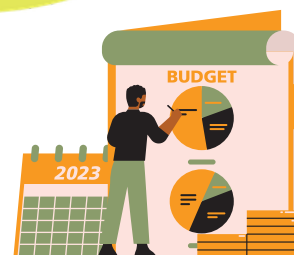
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urgent legal and
financial issues

Completed
230
estate planning
documents for
clients



Provided
52
clients with **financial**
planning guidance



Aided
36
clients with the
SSDI/SSI
process issues



Supported
25
clients with **housing**
and **eviction**
challenges



Advised
45
clients with
employment
matters



Counseled
15
clients on
their rights
against debt
collectors.



Advocated for
29
clients with
Medicare and
Medicaid issues



Resolved
23
clients' complex
issues with
insurance



Our Community:

- 180 volunteer attorneys and financial advisors.
- 200+ community resource partners.
- 4 health system partnerships

“Your willingness to answer our questions thoroughly and ensure that we understood each step provided us with tremendous reassurance during an exceptionally difficult period in our lives.”

Key Data Points

\$1,072,800



of in-kind
contributed
services
from our
volunteer
network.

100%



of Board
Members
actively
supported the
organization
with their time,
talents, and
financial
contributions.

3,197



hours of
professional
services
donated by
over 180 local
attorneys and
financial
advisors.

While all of CancerLINC services are free,

92%



of patients met
low income
guidelines and
qualified for
free services
from our
professional
volunteers.

100%



of clients
surveyed said
they would
return to
CancerLINC for
support or
referrals in the
future if the
need arises.

No one should have to face cancer alone.

\$25 = 1 Hour of Lifeline Support

Provides resource navigating for food security, transportation assistance, insurance guidance, or household bill support to one cancer patient.



Donate at [CancerLINC.org](https://cancerlinc.org)

\$250 = Peace of Mind

Provides 5 cancer patients with end-of-life legal documents so their families and doctors can follow their wishes.



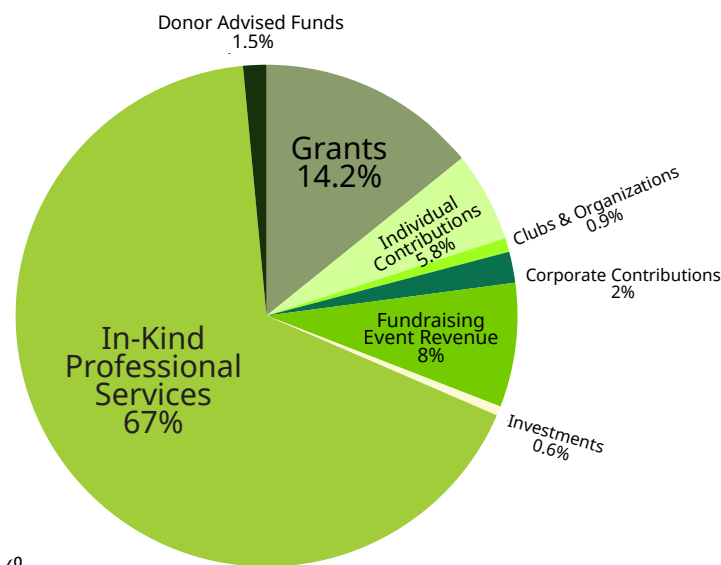
\$500 = Financial Clarity

Covers 2 hours of expert financial advising for a cancer patient navigating medical debt and daily living expenses.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

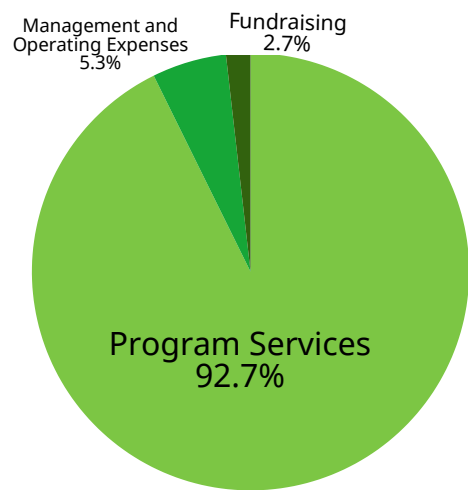


SUPPORT + REVENUE



Grants	\$234,118
Fundraising Event Revenue	\$131,453
Individual Contributions	\$96,774
Corporate Contributions	\$36,803
Donor Advised Funds	\$24,770
Community Run Events	\$11,833
Investments	\$10,297
Clubs & Organization	\$4,338
In-Kind Professional Services	\$1,095,415
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,645,801

EXPENSES



Program Services	\$1,468,630
Management and Operating Expenses	\$87,730
Fundraising	\$26,563
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,582,923

NET ASSETS

BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR	\$397,639
END OF FISCAL YEAR	\$412,624

Our Fiscal Year 2026 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A diverse, engaged, and **inspiring group of community leaders, professionals, and survivors** generously donate their time and talents to further the mission and services of CancerLINC.

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Ripple Effect OF CARE

Carolyn Kenney



Carolyn was working in mental health services when persistent leg pain led to yet another emergency room visit. After months of unanswered questions, doctors discovered her white blood cell count was dangerously high. Soon after, she received the life changing diagnosis: cancer.

As if the diagnosis wasn't enough, Carolyn also lost her job the very same day. Suddenly facing treatment without an income, she worried about how she would keep her home and manage the challenges ahead.

Through Virginia Cancer Institute, Carolyn was connected with CancerLINC. The organization helped her navigate legal and financial concerns, referred her to temporary rent assistance, and gave her the support she needed while she focused on treatment.

Today, Carolyn's story is a powerful reminder that cancer affects far more than a person's health. With the support of Virginia Cancer Institute, CancerLINC, and her community, she was able to focus on healing instead of facing the journey alone.



Michele Smith

When Michele's late husband, Doug, was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer, the family was connected with CancerLINC through Chris Heithoff at the Bon Secours Cullather Center. CancerLINC helped them update their will, navigate disability questions, and ease some of the legal and financial burdens that came with Doug's diagnosis, allowing the family to focus on what mattered most: spending time together.

Inspired by the support they received, Doug organized a golf tournament benefiting CancerLINC in 2023, one of his final acts of generosity. After his passing, the tournament was renamed in his honor and continues to support CancerLINC today. Michele has also carried that legacy forward by volunteering with CancerLINC, turning her family's experience into hope for others facing cancer.



Ernie Rogers

Ernie Rogers first connected with CancerLINC in 2018 after hearing about the organization's mission, and immediately wanted to help. A professional auctioneer and owner of Blacktie Benefit Auctions, Ernie has since become a dedicated partner, generously donating his time and expertise to CancerLINC's annual Pack Your Bags auction.

For years, Ernie has served as both auctioneer and trusted advisor, helping create an exciting event that inspires generosity. His donated services, valued at more than \$25,000, have helped CancerLINC raise nearly \$300,000 to provide free legal, financial, and community resources for local cancer patients and their families.

Publishing Her Cancer Story to Help Others

Mary Fowler-Simmons' Cancer Journey

A Devastating Prognosis

In April 2022, Mary Fowler-Simmons, a State of Virginia employee, went to the emergency room after suffering from pneumonia and suddenly experiencing severe chest pain. Mary thought she was having a heart attack. She never expected to hear the shocking news from the doctor: she had acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), a cancer of the blood and bone marrow, along with Type II diabetes. The doctor told her life expectancy was no more than two weeks. She was numb and shocked by this devastating news.

Despite the two-week prognosis, Mary fought to survive, spending months undergoing treatment at VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her medical bills quickly totaled nearly \$325,000. Her patient navigator at Massey urged her to contact CancerLINC for help. Mary was amazed at how quickly and compassionately CancerLINC's Client Services team responded to her needs.

LINC's to Vital Support

CancerLINC immediately connected Mary with professional services at no cost to her. One of CancerLINC's pro bono financial advisors helped her obtain financial assistance for her medical debt and medication, which costs \$350 a month, along with copayments.

CancerLINC's staff attorney provided Mary with essential legal documents, including Power of Attorney and an Advanced Medical Directive. Mary also received important assistance from another CancerLINC partner, Blood Cancer United (formerly known as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society).

CancerLINC helped Mary navigate the sudden disruption of her cancer diagnosis, linking her to all the support she needed – legal, financial, and informational -- so she could focus on her treatment plan at VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Comprehensive Cancer Care at VCU Massey

Under the care of Dr. Keri R. Maher at Massey CCC, Mary enrolled in a clinical trial that ultimately saved her life. After the exhausting challenges of cancer treatment, in December 2024, Mary celebrated remission from cancer. She takes maintenance medication and attends monthly lab visits to ensure she can keep the cancer at bay. Mary was approved for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and retired from her job with the Commonwealth.



Reflecting on her cancer battle and the many obstacles she overcame, Mary decided to write a book, *Against All Odds: A Journey of Hope and Resilience*, to help others navigate their cancer journeys; she wants to encourage and inspire them to have the will to survive. "I wanted patients to understand they are not alone and that they have a voice during their treatment. The highlight of my book was self-determination and not giving up. My oncologist, Dr. Keri Maher, believed in me and communicated effectively. Dr. Maher heard me when I talked about my pain and side effects, and she adjusted my medication as needed," Mary continued. "At the beginning of my treatment, I was not treated fairly until I became a patient at VCU Medical Center. I was treated like family, and the attention each staff member gave me was royal treatment. I had the honor of meeting VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center's fierce leader, Dr. Robert Winn, about groundbreaking research and clinical trials. I enrolled in a clinical trial that saved my life when I was expected to die within two weeks. I want people to know they make a difference, and fighting for life is rewarding."

Mary grew up in Richmond, Virginia, in the Church Hill neighborhood. She came from a determined family: her strong-willed mother, Florence Fowler, and her nurturing grandmother, Hester Christian. Mary's favorite part of her adult life has been raising her three daughters with her husband, Barry. Her sister Diane, brother Henry, and niece Tierra also provided strong support each day. With Mary's focus, faith, and support from others, she was able to beat cancer and see her three daughters Kayla, Kiyah, and Mya attend college.

Mary encourages others facing a cancer diagnosis to: "Process it, seek a second opinion, and pray about it. My God, present in my life, has made me more self-determined in faith in whom I give honor to." She goes on to say, "It gets difficult before it gets easier. Focus on your journey, remember that you are a winner, and keep your eyes on your goals to reach after the journey. Get a strong support system and support group because they understand your walk."



CancerLINC is proud to be part of Mary's support team and her cancer survivorship story. No one should have to face cancer alone.

Mary's book is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



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Honor & Memorial DONATIONS

Gifts made in honor or in memory of a loved one are a powerful and heartfelt way to support CancerLINC's mission. These meaningful contributions celebrate the lives of those who inspire us while helping ensure that cancer patients face their journey with the critical legal, financial, and community support they need. We are deeply grateful to all who gave in tribute during 2026.

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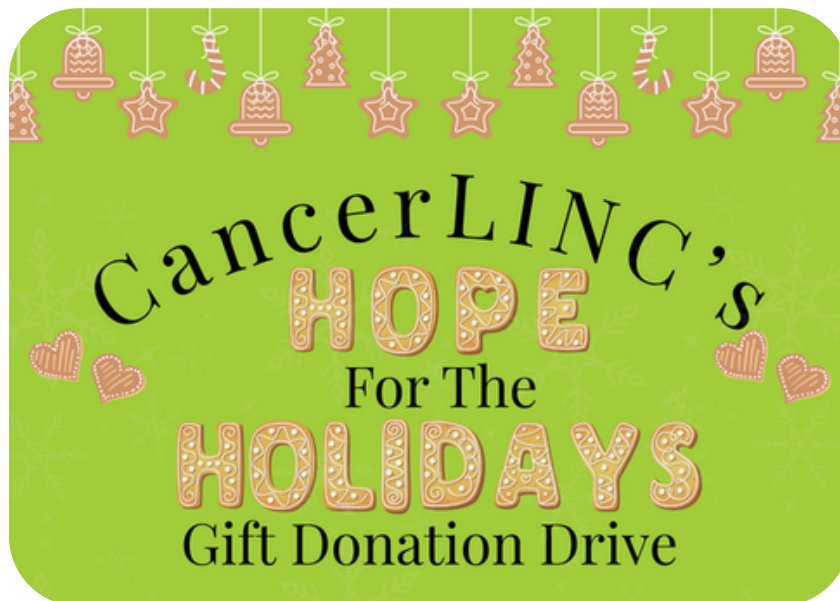
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For the second consecutive year, CancerLINC's Hope for Holidays Gift Donation Drive brought comfort and joy to families facing cancer during the holiday season. The program was inspired by Program Manager Patricia Green, who recognized that many of our clients with children needed holiday assistance, yet few existing toy drives were designed to support families navigating the financial challenges of a cancer diagnosis. With early and continued support from Toys for Tots, Chesapeake Academy in Irvington, Virginia, and Kelly & Alice at Cobblestone Realty in the Northern Neck, Hope for Holidays quickly grew from an idea into a cherished CancerLINC tradition.

During fiscal year 2026, the program expanded to serve 41 families and 90 children, made possible by the continued generosity of those founding partners and the support of many others. CancerLINC volunteer Michele Smith played a vital role in helping coordinate the growing effort, while employees from VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center generously gave their time to wrap, sort, and organize gifts. Students from Camp Kesem at the University of Richmond added a special touch by creating 100 handmade holiday cards for children receiving presents. Together, these partners, volunteers, and supporters demonstrated the incredible impact of a community coming together to ensure families facing cancer experience hope, generosity, and joy during the holiday season.



CancerLINC EVENTS



The
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Awards

Presented
by:



The LINC Awards is CancerLINC's signature fall luncheon, celebrating the volunteers, professionals, and advocates who make our mission possible. This inspiring event brings together community supporters, clients, and partners to honor those who go above and beyond in helping local cancer patients navigate legal and financial challenges.

Each year, we honor individuals and organizations whose contributions embody the heart of CancerLINC's mission:

Colin McCarthy – Rising Star Award

Christine Heithoff – Community Ambassador Award

Martin Williams – Krista Latshaw Pro Bono Award

Lane & Hamner, P.C. – Outstanding Firm of the Year

The afternoon concluded with an inspiring address from featured speaker and CancerLINC client, Mary Fowler Simmons, and a discussion with Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center Associate Director, Community Outreach & Engagement, Dr. Kim Rhoads.



Mark Your Calendar!

The LINC Awards

Thursday, October 29, 2026
11:15AM-1PM @ University
of Richmond - Jepson
Alumni Center

Sponsorships & Tickets



The LINC Awards EVENT PARTNERS

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CancerLINC EVENTS



Presented by:



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Pack Your Bags: Sequins & Spurs brought together an incredible community of sponsors, donors, volunteers, and guests who believe that no one should face the nonmedical challenges of cancer alone. Thanks to your generosity, the evening was filled with excitement, connection, and meaningful support for CancerLINC's mission.

From generous auction bids to heartfelt paddle raise gifts, every contribution made during the event helps ensure that cancer patients and their families can access free legal, financial, and community resources when they need them most.

Thank you to everyone who made Pack Your Bags: Sequins & Spurs a success, including our sponsors, auction donors, volunteers, emcee Reba Hollingsworth, and auctioneer Ernie Rogers. Your generosity and enthusiasm continue to strengthen CancerLINC's impact, and we are grateful to have you as part of our community.



Mark Your Calendar!

Pack Your Bags
April 8, 2027 6PM-9PM
@ University of
Richmond - Jepson
Alumni Center

Sponsorships & Tickets



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Bid For a Cause Donors

Thank you to attendees who supported the Be The LINC paddle raise to support CancerLINC services

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Thank You!



Community EVENTS

One of the greatest expressions of community support is when individuals and organizations choose to create their own fundraising events to benefit CancerLINC. Whether through concerts, bake sales, or other creative initiatives, these efforts reflect the compassion and generosity of people who believe in our mission, and we are deeply grateful for every event, every volunteer, and every donor who helps make our work possible.

SiteOne Landscape Supply Golf Tournament



For the second consecutive year, the Doug Smith Memorial SiteOne Golf Tournament selected CancerLINC as its beneficiary, continuing a meaningful tradition inspired by the memory of Doug Smith, a valued SiteOne Landscape Supply manager and former CancerLINC client. We are deeply grateful to Todd Morris, the SiteOne Landscape Supply team, the tournament participants, sponsors, and volunteers whose generosity made another successful event possible. This fundraiser honors Doug's legacy while bringing people together to create a lasting impact for families facing cancer.

Community EVENTS

The Hope Initiative



CancerLINC is grateful to The Hope Initiative for choosing to support our work through a student led fundraising effort during the past year. Guided by its mission to bring hope, healing, and progress in the fight against cancer through research support and community engagement, The Hope Initiative demonstrates how the next generation is already making a meaningful difference. We extend our sincere thanks to founder Daksha Talluri and the members of The Hope Initiative for their generosity, leadership, and commitment to creating a brighter future for those impacted by cancer.

Camp Kesem - University of Richmond



Camp Kesem at the University of Richmond added a special touch to the holiday season by creating more than 100 handmade holiday cards to accompany gifts distributed through the Hope for Holidays program. Dedicated to providing free summer camps and year round peer support for children impacted by a parent's cancer, Camp Kesem understands the importance of helping children feel seen and supported. We are grateful for their partnership and for the care they shared with local families during the holidays.

Never Elected



CancerLINC was honored to be selected as the beneficiary of The Never Elected's PinkQuarter campaign, a fundraising initiative created by the Northern Virginia band to support a Virginia nonprofit serving people affected by cancer. Funds were raised throughout the campaign, and we were grateful to accept the donation during their concert, where we celebrated the incredible generosity of their supporters. We extend our heartfelt thanks to The Never Elected and everyone who contributed to PinkQuarter for making this meaningful gift possible.

Community EVENTS

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During Fiscal Year 2026, CancerLINC was honored to be nominated by 2025 LINC Award recipient, Advocate Board member, and Board member Colin McCarthy for KaufMAN & Canoles' KaufCANcares program, which provides \$500 donations to charities nominated and selected by employees throughout the year. We are grateful to Colin for thinking of CancerLINC in his professional community and helping raise awareness of the resources available to individuals and families facing cancer.

Rosie's Gives Back Community Giving Program



CancerLINC was grateful to receive a generous donation through the Rosie's Gives Back program, which supports organizations making a difference in our community. We are especially thankful to our community partner, Chelsie Hardin, for helping facilitate this donation and for continuing to champion CancerLINC in the community. Partnerships like this help us connect more individuals and families facing cancer with the legal, financial, and community resources they need.

Community ENGAGEMENT

At CancerLINC, community engagement means building meaningful connections with individuals, organizations, and partners to raise awareness about our mission and ensure cancer patients know where to turn for help. Through our outreach efforts we bring vital information directly to the people who need it most, and we are grateful to everyone who helps us spread the word. Our outreach efforts include speaking to groups, supporting tabling events, and sharing resource information. These are some of our efforts in fiscal year 2026.



- **Allies in Health for Underserved Groups**
- **Blood Cancer United – Light the Night**
- **Blood Cancer United - Beyond Diagnosis: Career & Financial Changes**
- **Bon Secours Cancer Institute – 4th Annual Cancer Sucks Rock N’ Roll Rumble**

- **Bon Air Rotary Club**
- **Bon Secours – St. Francis Cancer Institute**
- **Bon Secours Petersburg Center for Healthy Living Resource Fair**
- **Capital Area Health Network and Feed More Community Food Distribution Event**
- **Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) Conference**



- **Chickahominy Baptist Association Health and Wellness Expo**
- **CrossRidge Homeowners Association Community Fair**
- **Henrico Rotary Club**
- **Hitting Cancer Below the Belt Boxer Brief 5K**
- **Latinos En Virginia Food & Resources Fair (Quarterly)**

Community ENGAGEMENT



- LIVE Food Distribution and Resource Fair
- Office of Immigration and Refugee Engagement (OIRE) Community Networking Event
- OIRE Multicultural Fair
- Oncology Nurses Society



- Our Laughter in the Rain
- Petersburg Alumnae Chapter Resource Fair
- Petersburg Model Citizens Awards
- Petersburg Wellness Consortium



- Prince George Wellness Fair
- Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at Henrico Doctors' Hospital - Celebration of Strength
- VCU School of Public Health Community Impact Day



30 Years • One Mission • Lives Changed

WHERE WE'VE BEEN. WHERE WE'RE GOING.

And why right now is an exciting moment in CancerLINC's history.

It started with two lawyers and a shared cancer diagnosis.

In 1996, Ann Hodges and Phyllis Katz saw a gap in the services available to cancer patients. The medical system treated the disease. But patients also needed help with non-medical burdens. They needed help fighting an IRS audit while a spouse was dying, stopping an eviction, appealing an insurance denial, or drafting their legal documents. No one was providing access to the legal services that would help patients focus on their treatment, recovery, and healing. So, Phyllis and Ann decided to build that support network.

The Foundation You Helped Us Build

For three decades, you — our donors, volunteers, healthcare partners, and champions — have been the reason CancerLINC works. You've woven a safety net of legal, financial, and human support for people navigating one of the most frightening experiences of their lives. And the numbers tell only part of the story.

In our most recent year, CancerLINC helped more than 620 clients through over 925 distinct legal, financial, and daily-life matters. Every single one of those numbers is a person and a family that came to us overwhelmed. They left with a plan and a sense of hope. Our volunteers contributed more than \$1,072,800 in pro bono services. 100% of clients told us they would turn to CancerLINC if and when they needed us again.

"For me, it was a phone call. For her, it was like a miracle."
— Ann Hodges, Co-Founder

That's the essence of this organization. One call to CancerLINC, and a family's life changes direction. That has been true for thirty years.

Building the Next Phase of Impact

In October 2024, the CancerLINC Board of Directors approved a strategic vision that set a new bar for what this organization can become. The goal: by 2030, CancerLINC will be a recognized household name and a model program that connects every cancer patient, regardless of income, to the non-medical support they need across Greater Richmond and beyond.

Here's what's happening right now:

- **Meeting patients where they are.** We're taking our services on-site, rotating through clinics, hospitals, and community centers across our service area so we are where patients can see us as part of their team.
- **Deepening our roots in underserved communities.** Petersburg, Southside Richmond, the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. We are building relationships and making sure that geography is not a barrier to getting help.
- **Becoming the first call.** We are cementing CancerLINC's position as the go-to referral for social workers, oncology nurses, and nurse navigators.
- **Shifting upstream.** We are experts at responding to patients' legal and financial crises. Now, we're working to embed legal and financial screening into the earliest moments of a cancer diagnosis, catching problems before they become emergencies.
- **Growing our reach.** We are actively assessing opportunities for a larger presence in the communities to our southeast to increase impact through effective partnerships and a growing service network.
- **Teaching the model.** CancerLINC is exploring how to share what we've built with nonprofits in other regions, so that more cancer patients everywhere can have access to the kind of support that has defined our mission for thirty years.

You Make This Possible

None of this happens without the network that surrounds CancerLINC.

- Healthcare partners — Bon Secours/Mercy Health, HCA Healthcare, Virginia Cancer Institute, and VCU Health/Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center — who trust us with their most vulnerable patients.
- Pro bono attorneys and financial advisors, who give their time and expertise freely to people who need it most.
- Foundation partners, corporate supporters, and individual donors, who fund the staff and infrastructure that makes it all possible.
- CancerLINC's board, every one of whom contributes personally to this mission.
- Community partners, who work collaboratively and supportively to ensure that cancer patients access the resources that they need.

As Richmond Magazine wrote earlier this year, CancerLINC's longevity is a testament to something particular about this community: the spirit of people who show up for one another.

You are that network. You are CancerLINC.

As we celebrate our 30th year and look toward a bold future, we are grateful beyond measure. No one should have to face cancer alone.

Thank you for making sure they don't.



THE FOUNDERS' CIRCLE

1996

For nearly 30 years, CancerLINC has stood beside individuals and families facing cancer, providing free legal, financial, and community resource support when it is needed most. As we celebrate this milestone and look toward the future, The Founders' Circle offers an opportunity to help ensure that our mission continues to grow and serve future generations with the same compassion, stability, and commitment.

WHO

The Founders' Circle is for individuals who choose to include CancerLINC in their estate plans through a will, trust, beneficiary designation, or other planned gift. Members share a commitment to ensuring that future generations of cancer patients have access to the support they need beyond medical care.

WHAT

The Founders' Circle is CancerLINC's legacy giving society. It recognizes individuals whose planned gifts create long-term financial stability, helping CancerLINC expand services, strengthen its volunteer network, invest in innovative programs, and remain a trusted resource for individuals and families facing cancer.

WHY

A planned gift is an investment in CancerLINC's future. As the need for free legal, financial, and community resource services continues to grow, legacy gifts provide the foundation that allows CancerLINC to meet tomorrow's challenges with confidence. Becoming a member of The Founders' Circle, you help ensure that our mission continues for generations and that no one has to face the non-medical challenges of cancer alone.

To learn more or to let us know you have included CancerLINC in your estate plans, please contact:

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Your legacy will help ensure that no one should have to face cancer alone.