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FOR OVER 55 YEARS, Cancer Services has improved the lives of those living with cancer in our community. Because of your generosity and our dedicated team, we empower individuals and families by providing critical emotional, educational and financial support.

I know all too well what it’s like to have a family member live with a terminal cancer diagnosis, and what it’s like to be told, “You have cancer.” Through my service on the board of Cancer Services, I also know how important it is to empower those who are walking along the same path.

At Cancer Services, that’s what we do—empower lives. In 2014, we saw a record number of clients and expanded our service offerings. We are also particularly proud of the new summer camps we’ve established for children who have a parent or guardian battling cancer or who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

I hope you enjoy reading this report, and please let us know if we can ever be of assistance. We look forward to our future successes in 2015 and beyond under the leadership of our new CEO, Jill Roshto.

Thank you for your generous support—you empower our team to empower our clients, and their lives are improved because of it.

Sincerely,

NICK SPEYRER
President, Board of Directors


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WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER
SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Nae Nae is not only a cancer survivor, but also the daughter of a cancer survivor. As a child, she attended Camp Care, Cancer Services’ summer camp program for children with cancer and their siblings. Her experiences were meaningful, and as a teenager, she decided to give back and help other children who are on a similar path. In 2014, Nae Nae was a counselor at the inaugural session of Camp Climb, Cancer Services’ new summer camp program for children who have a parent or guardian battling cancer, while her sisters also attended the camp. She was also a counselor at her beloved Camp Care. Nae Nae’s story, passion and positive outlook made a true impact on all of the children she met and mentored at camp. Worrying about cancer should never be a burden a child has to bear. Cancer Services’ children’s programs and summer camps allow kids like Nae Nae to focus on being kids and having fun—not on cancer.

Through your generosity in 2014, our children’s programs provided the following:

- A summer camp experience for 35 children living with cancer and their siblings – Camp Care
- A summer camp experience for 15 children who have a parent or guardian battling cancer – Camp Climb
- A summer camp experience for 12 children who have experienced the loss of a loved one – Camp Koala
- 20 different events to help families cope and spend time together outside of their cancer diagnosis
- 1,500 hours of after school tutoring to 30 children
- 1,500 gifts to kids and families in order to make their holidays brighter
- $2,500 in grants to families coping with childhood cancer
EVERY CANCER JOURNEY is different, and every story is unique. For Jack, his journey took him on the road to Camelot. When Jack was diagnosed with tongue cancer, everything changed. Active in community theater, he feared his days as a leading man would be over. After undergoing a strenuous treatment plan, Jack came to Cancer Services for nutritional supplements and other medical supplies. He also found solace in the Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Support Group, which he continues to attend. The group gives him the opportunity to share his experiences and provide guidance to others. Over time, Jack realized that cancer couldn’t put out his brightly shining star. Not long after completing treatment, he landed his dream role of King Arthur in Camelot. Jack’s inspirational story transcends the stage and plays a pivotal role in helping others going through their own personal cancer journey.

THE ROAD TO CAMELOT

Thanks to community support in 2014, Cancer Services provided:

- More than $200,000 in financial assistance that includes prescription assistance to treat the disease and side effects, mileage reimbursement to pay for transportation expenses to oncology-related appointments and the purchase of specialty equipment and supplies for those who need it most
- More than 8,000 cases of nutritional supplement to keep clients as strong and healthy as possible
- Nearly 200 pieces of medical equipment, including hospital beds, walkers and wheelchairs
- More than 330 wigs, hats and turbans to individuals undergoing chemotherapy treatment
- More than $11,000 in grants to individuals and families coping with cancer
Stay Strong with Cancer Services on your side.

Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge is there for our community during difficult times. Phelps Dunbar is proud to support an organization that helps people in need live their lives to the fullest!
SURVIVORS
UNITED

STRONG. BEAUTIFUL. HOPEFUL. These three words perfectly describe lung, mouth and brain cancer survivor Shari. After receiving her devastating diagnosis in 2007, she has beaten the odds and thrived. A long-time regular at our support groups and survivorship events, she is a beacon of hope for everyone she meets. “I love Cancer Services,” said Shari. “The support groups are essential and allow me to use my experiences to help others.” Support groups give people like Shari an outlet and the opportunity to encourage others who are traveling along the same path. The cancer journey can be long and scary, and no one should go through it alone—that is why Cancer Services is here.

Thanks to community support in 2014, Cancer Services provided:

• More than 200 exercise classes to help clients stay active and physically fit during and after treatment
• More than 20 different monthly support and educational events to give survivors their own support system
• 110 counseling sessions to help patients and family members cope emotionally
• Over 6,000 educational materials to empower patients with critical information about their diagnoses
REACHING YOUR FULL POTENTIAL
VOLUNTEER TUTOR BEN has loved math since he was a kid. Now a successful computer programmer, Ben uses his love for math to help children participating in the Cancer Services tutoring program. This program gives children affected by cancer individualized and tailored academic attention in order to help them with their studies. Ben tutors multiple kids at varying ages and explains, “My dad had cancer when I was a child, and math was my outlet. I enjoy giving back to these kids so they can reach their full potential and succeed.” Dealing with cancer should not impede children from reaching academic success. Thanks to volunteers like Ben, our kids are well on their way to a bright future.
Your support makes a difference

100% of every contribution made here, stays here – supporting vital services, programs and resources, including:

- Financial Assistance
- Nutritional Supplements
- Medical Equipment Rentals
- Children’s Programs
- Wig Boutique
- Counseling Sessions
- Exercise & Wellness Programs
- Information & Education Center
- Healthcare Navigation
- Survivorship Programs & Support Groups
- Financial Assistance
- Education and Information Resources
- Support Groups and Services for Children, Adults and Families
- Equipment and Supplies
- Support of Nutritional Needs
- Advocacy and Agency Referrals through Healthcare Navigation

*All services provided are free of charge to the community
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As we continue to partner with Cancer Services, our goal is to help make the words, “I have cancer” not quite so scary.

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